



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

APRIL 24, 2024

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 9:33 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized under the Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

PRESENT:

- Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Chair
- Mayor Ken Sim
- Councillor Christine Boyle
- Councillor Adriane Carr
- Councillor Lisa Dominato
- Councillor Pete Fry* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 9:30 am to 10 pm)
- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 9:30 am to 10 pm)
- Councillor Mike Klassen
- Councillor Lenny Zhou, Vice-Chair

ABSENT:

- Councillor Peter Meiszner (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)
- Councillor Brian Montague (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lesley Matthews, Deputy City Clerk
Cassia Nasralla, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

The Chair also recognized the immense contributions of the City of Vancouver's staff who work hard every day to help make our city an incredible place to live, work, and play.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council adopt Reports 3, 5, 7, and 8 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Fry absent for the vote)

REPORTS

1. Property Tax Policy Review – Phase I April 9, 2024

Staff from Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management, along with advisors from Ernst & Young LLP, provided a presentation and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive for information the report on Property Tax Policy Review – Phase I prepared by Ernst & Young LLP in Appendix B of the Report dated April 9, 2024, entitled “Property Tax Policy Review – Phase I”.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the following be added to the end of the motion:

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to continue to actively monitor the tax rate ratio and observe tax shifts in neighbouring municipalities to assess their potential impact on Vancouver's competitive position so as to proactively ensure that the principles of stability, predictability, accountability, fairness, and competitiveness are at the forefront of the City's property tax considerations in alignment with regional dynamics and various other relevant national benchmarks;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back in advance of, and to inform, the annual tax distribution decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09926)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09927).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT Council receive for information the report on Property Tax Policy Review – Phase I prepared by Ernst & Young LLP in Appendix B of the Report dated April 9, 2024, entitled “Property Tax Policy Review – Phase I”;

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to continue to actively monitor the tax rate ratio and observe tax shifts in neighbouring municipalities to assess their potential impact on Vancouver's competitive position so as to proactively ensure that the principles of stability, predictability, accountability, fairness, and competitiveness are at the forefront of the City's property tax considerations in alignment with regional dynamics and various other relevant national benchmarks;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back in advance of, and to inform, the annual tax distribution decision.

2a. 2024 Property Taxation: Distribution of Property Tax Levy April 16, 2024

Staff from Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management responded to questions.

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Prior to hearing from speakers, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato*

THAT the Committee suspend the rules of section 7.3 of the Procedure By-law and allow for an additional speaker.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

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The Committee heard from four speakers who spoke in opposition of the report recommendation, and two speakers who spoke to other matters of the report recommendation.

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In order to participate in discussion on the motion, Chair Bligh relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Zhou and resumed the Chair once finished.

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MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council instruct the Director of Finance to calculate the 2024 general purpose tax rates for all property classes to achieve a tax share of approximately 57.1% residential and approximately 42.9% non-residential.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09928)

2b. Budget Resolution

MOVED by Councillor Zhou
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT WHEREAS, the *Vancouver Charter*, Section 219 requires that the Director of Finance submit to Council each year the detailed estimates of revenues and expenditures of the City for the year;

AND WHEREAS the *Vancouver Charter*, Section 372 requires that Council adopt the estimates of revenues and expenditures for the City as soon thereafter as possible;

AND WHEREAS the total estimated gross expenditures of the City to pay all debts and obligations of the City falling due in the year 2024, exclusive of the amounts required for school, Greater Vancouver Regional District, Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority, British Columbia Assessment Authority and Municipal Finance Authority purposes and not otherwise provide for, as amended by Council, amount to \$2,153,423,592;

AND WHEREAS the total estimated expenditures as aforesaid is the sum of the appropriation requests of all departments and boards properly supported by detailed analysis of those expenditures and listings of the salaried staff;

AND WHEREAS the total estimated revenue of the City for 2024 from sources other than real property taxes, as amended by Council, amounts to \$993,950,867;
AND WHEREAS the amount of the General Purposes Tax Levy so required is \$1,159,472,725;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said estimates of the Director of Finance as amended by Council, both as to totals and individual items pertaining thereto, be are hereby adopted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09929)

**3. 2023 Property Tax Exemptions
April 12, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive the Report dated April 12, 2024, entitled “2023 Property Tax Exemptions”, for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09936)

**4. Vancouver Police Board Amended 2024 Provisional Budget
April 15, 2024**

Staff from Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management, along with the Vice-Chair of the Vancouver Police Board, responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen*

THAT under section 5.4(d) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee ask a second round of questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*MOVED by Councillor Zhou
SECONDED by Councillor Carr*

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT pursuant to the submission from the Vancouver Police Board dated February 29, 2024, Council approve an adjustment to the 2024 operating budget previously approved for the Vancouver Police Department to increase the funds allocated for Vancouver Police Board administration and operations by \$393,000. With this increase, the total approved allocation for Vancouver Police Board administration and operations will be \$690,000;

FURTHER THAT Council confirm the overall 2024 net operating budget for the Vancouver Police Board as previously approved by Council on December 12, 2023, and authorize the Vancouver Police Board to reallocate funding within that approved 2024 operating budget to accommodate the proposed increase of \$393,000 for Vancouver Police Board administration and operations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09930)

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At this point in the meeting, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Boyle
SECONDED by Councillor Carr*

THAT the Committee break for lunch at noon and return at 12:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**5. Housing and Homelessness Services Grants: 2024 Supportive Housing Capital Grants
April 10, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve 12 Supportive Housing Capital Grants totalling \$255,220 from the 2024 Supportive Housing Capital Grant Program to the organizations listed in Appendix A of the Report dated April 10, 2024, entitled "Housing and Homelessness Services Grants: 2024 Supportive Housing Capital Grants" all of which are charities registered with the Canada Revenue Agency, for the amounts recommended in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute grant agreements that include terms and conditions that are consistent with the Report dated April 10, 2024, entitled "Housing and Homelessness Services Grants: 2024 Supportive Housing Capital Grants", that satisfy the City's Director of Legal Services, and that disburse the grants described in this report to the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their designate).
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until all legal documentation are executed and delivered by the City and the grant recipients.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09938) AND A
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**6. 2023 Statement of Financial Information
March 28, 2024**

Staff from Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management along with staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT under section 5.4(d) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee ask a second round of questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subsequently, it was

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the Committee extend the meeting past noon in order to complete Report 6.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. *THAT Council approve the 2023 Statement of Financial Information for filing with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs pursuant to the *Financial Information Act*.*
- B. *THAT Council receive for information the portion of the 2023 Statement of Financial Information which represents the Report dated March 28, 2024, entitled "2023 Statement of Financial Information", of the City's auditors on the 2023 financial statements of the City pursuant to Section 231 of the *Vancouver Charter*.*
- C. *THAT Council receive for consideration the portion of the 2023 Statement of Financial Information as it pertains to the remuneration and expenses of Council members pursuant to Section 196A of the *Vancouver Charter*.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09931)
(Councillor Fry absent for the vote)

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The Committee recessed at 12:06 pm and reconvened at 12:35 pm.

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**7. Annual Procurement Report 2023
March 27, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive the Report dated March 27, 2024, entitled “Annual Procurement Report 2023”, for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09940)

**8. Contract Award for Microsoft Enterprise Agreement
April 3, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement for the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft Canada Inc. for an estimated total contract value of \$33.7M over the five (5) year term (the “Agreement”).
- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer, and General Manager of Technology Services.
- C. THAT Council approve the addition of \$1.2M to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan and creation of a new Multi-year Project Budget for the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement. Funding source for the \$1.2M budget will be the Computer Equipment Reserve. 2024 Expenditures for this project will be managed within the approved citywide 2024 Capital Expenditure Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 09942)

**9. Mayor’s Budget Task Force Implementation Committee – Terms of Reference
April 10, 2024**

The City Manager responded to questions.

MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the Mayor’s Budget Task Force Implementation Oversight Committee as attached in Appendix A of the Report dated April 10, 2024, entitled “Mayor’s Budget Task Force Implementation Committee – Terms of Reference”.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the following be added to the motion:

FURTHER THAT Councillors Lisa Dominato, Peter Meiszner, and Lenny Zhou be appointed to the Budget Task Force Implementation Committee as voting members to serve on behalf of Council for the Committee's full 2-year term of operation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09932)
(Councillor Fry absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (vote No. 09933) with Councillor Fry absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

THAT Council approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the Mayor's Budget Task Force Implementation Oversight Committee as attached in Appendix A of the Report dated April 10, 2024, entitled "Mayor's Budget Task Force Implementation Committee – Terms of Reference";

FURTHER THAT Councillors Lisa Dominato, Peter Meiszner, and Lenny Zhou be appointed to the Budget Task Force Implementation Committee as voting members to serve on behalf of Council for the Committee's full 2-year term of operation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Councillor Klassen be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on May 7, 2024, from 12 pm to 10 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09937)
(Councillors Fry and Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

Prior to the start of Council Members' Motion 2, Chair Bligh relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Zhou in order to introduce the motion and to participate in discussion and did not resume the Chair until the completion of the item.

2. Kicking Off Community Benefits for the 2026 FIFA World Cup

The Committee heard from six speakers who spoke in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Bligh

SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Social procurement policies facilitate investment in equitable economic participation and advance outcomes of inclusion, diversity, reconciliation, equity, and well-being and improves economic independence and capacities;
2. Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) are a collaborative way to promote growth for projects in the communities they are investing in and align with the needs of equity and equity-denied communities by contributing to a shared vision for Vancouver;
3. In 2018, Vancouver became Canada's first major city to institute a mandatory CBA policy for developments over 45,000 square metres, and encourages all developers to sign a CBA, demonstrating a commitment to local, inclusive employment, and social and local procurement targets, including:
 - i. 10% of all jobs on projects to come from equity-seeking groups and local residents, prioritizing new entry-level hires,
 - ii. Sourcing a minimum of 10% of material goods and services from third party certified social impact or diverse or equity-seeking owned businesses, with a priority on Vancouver businesses, and
 - iii. Attaining 10% of materials, goods, and services from Vancouver companies or companies located in Metro Vancouver or British Columbia;
4. The development of the Olympic Village for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games is an early successful example of a CBA for a large global sporting event in Vancouver, with targets to create 100 jobs for locally sourced and trained inner-city residents and to procure a targeted \$15 million in goods and services from the inner city, a \$750,000 legacy fund to train inner-city residents, and a variety of public and private sector partnerships across Vancouver and British Columbia;
5. The 2026 FIFA World Cup (FWC26) represents a significant economic opportunity for the City of Vancouver and for all local businesses and organizations to share in one of the largest sporting events in the world taking place in Vancouver, and the numerous diverse projects that will be brought to Vancouver as a part of FWC26;

6. The FIFA World Cup 2026 Secretariat and the Province of BC is currently working with the MST leadership to determine their role in the planning and delivery of the FWC26 event;
7. The City of Toronto is working in consultation with an advisory group of key stakeholders to develop a community benefits plan for FWC26 that will bring additional benefits to the City's local businesses, and which is anticipated to include "workforce development plans, social procurement, supply chain policy and more"; and
8. FWC26 community benefit initiatives could enable local businesses and organizations to share in the economic opportunities of hosting the World Cup in Vancouver, and bring additional benefits to communities across the City.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to work with hosting partners including the Province of BC, PavCo and the Vancouver International Airport to explore community benefit opportunities associated with planning and delivery of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, including but not limited to:

- Social procurement,
- Local procurement,
- Local, inclusive employment,
- the creation of a community benefits plan or community benefits agreement
- (CBA);

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back in Q4 2024 with a framework or plan for ensuring that the City incorporates community benefit initiatives into the planning and delivery of the 2026 FIFA World Cup event, and works to collaborate with other FWC26 hosting partners to deliver community benefits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09934)
(Councillors Fry and Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 1:23 pm.

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES**

APRIL 24, 2024

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 1:23 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT:

Mayor Ken Sim
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Lenny Zhou

ABSENT:

Councillor Pete Fry (Leave of Absence – Civic Business)
Councillor Peter Meiszner (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)
Councillor Brian Montague (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

Paul Mochrie, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Lesley Matthews, Deputy City Clerk
Cassia Nasralla, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services. Its items of business included:

Reports:

1. Property Tax Policy Review – Phase I
- 2a. 2024 Property Taxation: Distribution of Property Tax Levy
- 2b. Budget Resolution
3. 2023 Property Tax Exemptions
4. Vancouver Police Board Amended 2024 Provisional Budget
5. Housing and Homelessness Services Grants: 2024 Supportive Housing Capital Grants
6. 2023 Statement of Financial Information

7. Annual Procurement Report 2023
8. Contract Award for Microsoft Enterprise Agreement
9. Mayor's Budget Task Force Implementation Committee – Terms of Reference

Council Members' Motions:

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence
2. Kicking Off Community Benefits for the 2026 FIFA World Cup

MOVED by Councillor Carr

SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of April 24, 2024, as contained in Reports 1 through 9 and Council Members' Motions 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Prior to the start of Urgent Business, Mayor Sim relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Bligh in order to introduce the motion and participate in discussion and did not resume the Chair until the completion of the item.

URGENT BUSINESS

1. Raising the Canucks Flag at City Hall

MOVED by Mayor Sim

SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the City of Vancouver raise the Vancouver Canucks flag on the North lawn flagpole at City Hall, in place of the City of Vancouver flag, for the duration of the Vancouver Canucks 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs run.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 09935)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Zhou

SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 1:27 pm.

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