

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION**

*For consideration at the Standing Committee meeting of City Council on May 21, 2025*

### **1. Increasing Funding for Vital Community Libraries**

Submitted by: Councillor Orr

#### **WHEREAS**

1. Public libraries serve as vital community hubs that provide free and equitable access to information, technology, and educational resources for people of all ages and backgrounds;
2. Libraries provide essential services that support students, seniors, job seekers, families, and underserved populations through programs and services that are often unavailable elsewhere;
3. Increasing funding to Vancouver's Libraries is a direct investment in education, equity, and resilience in our communities that will benefit seniors, families, and people across Vancouver;
4. The Council allocated budget for Vancouver libraries has resulted in a total of ten branches being closed on Mondays and shortened hours at a number of branches.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to work with Library staff and the Vancouver Library Board to report back by Q3 with an estimate of cost to restore all hours cut in April and opening all Vancouver libraries on Mondays;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to identify potential sources of municipal funding to cover the costs of restoring cut library hours and opening all branches on Mondays.

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