

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

For consideration at the Standing Committee meeting of City Council on July 23, 2025

6. Identifying Progressive Revenues to Protect Public Services

Submitted by: Councillor Orr

WHEREAS

1. Staff have indicated that a 6 or 7 percent property tax increase is required for 2026 in order to sustain city operations, but Vancouver City Council, on June 18, 2025, directed staff to explore property tax options which are as low as 2.5% or 0% for 2026;
2. Vancouver's vital public services are at risk of being under-funded without continued and reliable sources of revenue that include property taxes and other revenues;
3. Vancouver has a variety of methods to collect revenues, which impact different groups and household incomes in different ways;
4. During an affordability crisis, we must provide relief first and foremost to those most in need, and not give handouts to the wealthy and well-connected.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request staff to produce a report that is delivered concurrently with the previously requested report on potential 2026 tax rates that will:

- i. Identify existing or new sources of revenue which primarily impact people with higher incomes in Vancouver, which are suitable for deployment as early as the 2026 budget; and
- ii. Compare and contrast the existing sources of revenue the city collects and review existing research from other jurisdictions to provide a high-level analysis on which income groups different revenue sources tend to impact the most.

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