



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

OCTOBER 8, 2025

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 9:51 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened in person and via electronic means as authorized by the Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

PRESENT: Councillor Lenny Zhou, Chair
Mayor Ken Sim*
Councillor Rebecca Bligh* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 4:45 pm onwards)
Councillor Lisa Dominato* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 2:30 pm to 5 pm)
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung*
Councillor Lucy Maloney
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Brian Montague
Councillor Sean Orr

ABSENT: Councillor Mike Klassen (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Donny van Dyk, City Manager
Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lesley Matthews, Acting 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 team members 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 Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the Committee adopt Reports 1 and 3 and on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

1. Contract Award for PS20240941-ENG-RFP Supply and Delivery of Fuels September 10, 2025

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement for Supply and Delivery of Fuels with 4REFUEL CANADA LP for an estimated total contract value of \$60,000,000, plus Tax, over the initial five (5) year term and the two (2) one (1) year possible unilateral extension terms (the "Agreement"), which will be funded from the operating budget;

FURTHER THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer, and General Manager of Engineering Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 11010)

2. Contract Award for City-Wide Construction Contract 2025-2028 September 9, 2025

Staff from Finance and Supply Chain Management responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke to other aspects of the report recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to establish the City-Wide Construction Contract Program ("CWCC Program") under which the City will contract with a single Construction Manager on a long-term agreement to deliver a variety of construction projects and facilities maintenance work for the City, as and when needed, in accordance with the terms described in the Report dated September 9, 2025, entitled "Contract Award for City-Wide Construction Contract 2025-2028".

- B. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Real Estate, Environment and Facilities Management, the Director of Legal Services, and the Chief Procurement Officer, and enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Scott Special Projects Ltd. to be the Construction Manager for the City-Wide Construction Contract Program ("CWCC Program"), with an initial term of three (3) years and options to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, with a total estimated contract price of approximately \$105,000,000.00 plus GST over the initial 3-year term and approximately \$175,000,000.00 plus GST over the full 5-year term if all optional extensions are executed, to be funded through annual approved Capital Maintenance and Capital project budgets where costs will be charged to specific programs and projects as work is completed.
- C. THAT the General Manager of Real Estate, Environment and Facilities Management, the Director of Legal Services and the Chief Procurement Officer be authorized to execute the Agreement contemplated in B above for the City.
- D. THAT Council delegate its authority to the General Manager of Real Estate, Environment and Facilities Management, the Director of Legal Services and the Chief Procurement Officer to approve and execute construction agreements with the Construction Manager for individual projects awarded under the City-Wide Construction Contract Program ("CWCC Program") using a non-standard contract approval process, based on competitive tender pricing submitted by the Construction Manager, as further described in the Report dated September 9, 2025, entitled "Contract Award for City-Wide Construction Contract 2025-2028".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11000)

3. Amending Agreement (No. 1) to Fujitsu Consulting (Canada) Inc. First Modification Agreement for the Provision of an Enterprise Service Management Platform September 15, 2025

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate an extension of the Term and modification of the original Fujitsu Consulting (Canada) Inc. Services Agreement dated November 3, 2017, as previously extended and modified by the First Modification Agreement dated November 2, 2022, by an additional two (2) years. Fujitsu Consulting (Canada) Inc. provides authorized Reseller services for ServiceNow SaaS enterprise services management software, and implementation and other support services for the use of that software. The value of the two (2)-year contract extension is \$2,771,680.80, to be funded from the operations budget, and will result in an estimated new total contract value of \$5,542,588.04 over a five (5) year period;

FURTHER THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Amending Agreement (No. 1) to the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer, and Deputy City Manager.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 11011)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Zero Means Zero: Advancing a Zero Percent Property Tax Increase for 2026

The Committee heard from 10 speakers who spoke in support of the motion, 22 speakers who spoke in opposition of the motion, and one speaker who spoke to other aspects of the motion.

MOVED by Mayor Sim

SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Since being elected in 2022, Council has worked with diligence and firm resolve to reduce annual property tax increases while prioritizing affordability and accountability in City finances;
2. A staff report to Council in spring 2025 projected that a property tax increase for 2026 in the range of 5% to 7% would be required to maintain existing service levels, address contractual obligations, and fund long-deferred infrastructure renewal;
3. In June 2025, Council approved a motion introduced by Mayor Sim directing staff to prepare 2026 budget scenarios that included a zero percent property tax increase, alongside scenarios of 1.5% and 2.5%, with an additional 1% property tax increase for infrastructure renewal as previously directed by Council. This Council direction was in direct response to concerns from residents and businesses about rising costs of living;
4. Ongoing fiscal pressures facing the City include inflation, increasing salary pressures, rising utility costs, and a significant infrastructure deficit that requires significant long-term investment;
5. Property tax increases approved by Council of 10.7% in 2023, 7.3% in 2024, and 3.9% in 2025 have helped realign core city services and public priorities to ensure that frontline workers and core service levels residents and businesses expect are protected;
6. Senior levels of government have reduced grants to community organizations, Council has acted to safeguard the City's ongoing support for community grants, recognizing that funding programs are essential during times of austerity and hardship;
7. For the first time in decades, the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) and Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS) budgets have been fully funded to ensure public safety. Library funding has likewise been increased to ensure this essential City service is not only supported and but also accessible and available city-wide; and

8. Mayor Sim and Council are committed to exploring every option to reduce the burden on taxpayers, control spending, and deliver a balanced operating budget, without compromising the City's ability to provide the core frontline services that residents and businesses expect and are due.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the City Manager and the General Manager of Finance, Risk, and Supply Chain Management to prepare the City of Vancouver's draft 2026 Operating Budget, based on a zero percent property tax increase, while prioritizing core City services and maintaining community grants, library and community centre services;

FURTHER THAT the draft 2026 Operating Budget prepared on the basis of a zero percent tax increase includes an allocation to infrastructure renewal that is equivalent to one percent of the 2026 property tax levy;

AND FURTHER THAT this direction supersedes Council's June 2025 instruction to develop multiple budget scenarios, and instead establishes a singular focus on achieving a zero percent property tax increase for the 2026 Operating Budget.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT in the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT clause, the words "and arts and culture" be added between the words "community" and "grants".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11001)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Orr

THAT the following be added as a new clause:

FURTHER THAT the \$1 million reallocated for street cleaning in the 2025 budget be reinstated to community and social policy grants in the 2026 budget, and that community climate action grants, heritage grants, and sport hosting grants also be maintained.

LOST (Vote No. 11002)
(Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the following be added as a new clause:

FURTHER THAT measures to offset tax pressure and achieve a zero per cent

budget, including any cuts to services or staffing, be articulated and itemized as clear, easy-to-understand line items in the 2026 budget presentation.

LOST (Vote No. 11003)

(Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)

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At 11:53 am, it was

MOVED by Councillor Dominato

SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT, under section 2.8 (b) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee extend the meeting past noon to complete Motion 1.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Orr

SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT in the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT clause, the words “prioritizing core City services and maintaining community grants, library and community centre services” be struck and the following be inserted:

“preventing all cuts, in service levels, hours, and/or budget, to:

- Fire and Rescue Services
- Emergency Management Initiatives
- Street Repairs and Maintenance
- Public Washrooms
- Recreation Facilities including Public Pools and Gyms
- Community Centres
- Garbage and Recycling Services
- Food Security Initiatives
- Reconciliation Initiatives
- Climate Change and Climate Mitigation Initiatives
- Democratic Engagement
- Parks and Maintenance
- Homelessness Services
- The Leisure Access Program (LAP)
- Community Grants
- Arts & Culture Initiatives
- Seniors Programs
- Child Care Supports”;

FURTHER THAT the following be added as a new clause:

FURTHER THAT the draft 2026 operating budget finance protecting existing library hours and service and funding an expansion of library service hours to seven days a week across the city.

LOST (Vote No. 11004)

(Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Orr

SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the title of Motion 1 be amended as follows:

- The word “Zero” be struck in all three occurrences and replaced with “6-7%”;
- The words “to Protect Our Public Services” be inserted between the words “increase” and “for”.

FURTHER THAT the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT be amended as follows:

- The words “a zero percent” be struck and replaced with “the staff recommended 6-7%”;
- The word “prioritizing” be struck and replaced with “maintaining and expanding”
- The words “library and” be struck and the words “and expanding library hours to seven days a week;” be added at the end;

AND FURTHER THAT in the FURTHER THAT and AND FURTHER THAT clauses, the words “zero percent” be struck and replaced with “6-7%”.

LOST (Vote No. 11005)

(Councillors Bligh, Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Orr

SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT Council postpone consideration of Motion 1 until staff report back on the 2026 Budget Survey, and no later than the end of November 2025.

LOST (Vote No. 11006)

(Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Orr

SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the following be added as a new clause:

AND FURTHER THAT the draft 2026 Operating Budget prioritize cuts to the Mayor’s \$1.5 million dollar office and communications budget.

LOST (Vote No. 11007)

(Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)

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During debate on the amended motion Councillor Zhou relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Meiszner in order to provide comments on the motion and resumed the Chair once finished.

Subsequently, at 12:47 pm Councillor Zhou relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Meiszner in order to provide additional comments on the motion and resumed the Chair once finished.

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The amendments having lost or carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 11009) with Councillors Bligh, Fry, Maloney, and Orr opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

1. Since being elected in 2022, Council has worked with diligence and firm resolve to reduce annual property tax increases while prioritizing affordability and accountability in City finances;
2. A staff report to Council in spring 2025 projected that a property tax increase for 2026 in the range of 5% to 7% would be required to maintain existing service levels, address contractual obligations, and fund long-deferred infrastructure renewal;
3. In June 2025, Council approved a motion introduced by Mayor Sim directing staff to prepare 2026 budget scenarios that included a zero percent property tax increase, alongside scenarios of 1.5% and 2.5%, with an additional 1% property tax increase for infrastructure renewal as previously directed by Council. This Council direction was in direct response to concerns from residents and businesses about rising costs of living¹;
4. Ongoing fiscal pressures facing the City include inflation, increasing salary pressures, rising utility costs, and a significant infrastructure deficit that requires significant long-term investment;
5. Property tax increases approved by Council of 10.7% in 2023, 7.3% in 2024, and 3.9% in 2025 have helped realign core city services and public priorities to ensure that frontline workers and core service levels residents and businesses expect are protected;
6. Senior levels of government have reduced grants to community organizations, Council has acted to safeguard the City's ongoing support for community grants, recognizing that funding programs are essential during times of austerity and hardship;

¹ <https://council.vancouver.ca/20250618/documents/cfsc20250618min.pdf>

7. For the first time in decades, the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) and Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS) budgets have been fully funded to ensure public safety. Library funding has likewise been increased to ensure this essential City service is not only supported and but also accessible and available city-wide; and
8. Mayor Sim and Council are committed to exploring every option to reduce the burden on taxpayers, control spending, and deliver a balanced operating budget, without compromising the City's ability to provide the core frontline services that residents and businesses expect and are due.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the City Manager and the General Manager of Finance, Risk, and Supply Chain Management to prepare the City of Vancouver's draft 2026 Operating Budget, based on a zero percent property tax increase, while prioritizing core City services and maintaining community and arts and culture grants, library and community centre services;

FURTHER THAT the draft 2026 Operating Budget prepared on the basis of a zero percent tax increase includes an allocation to infrastructure renewal that is equivalent to one percent of the 2026 property tax levy;

AND FURTHER THAT this direction supersedes Council's June 2025 instruction to develop multiple budget scenarios, and instead establishes a singular focus on achieving a zero percent property tax increase for the 2026 Operating Budget.

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The Committee recessed at 12:58 pm and reconvened at 3:55 pm.

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Prior to the start of Motion 2, Chair Zhou relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Meiszner in order to introduce the motion and participate in debate. Following the conclusion of the item, Councillor Zhou resumed the Chair.

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2. VanStat: A Pilot Program for Smart, Transparent, and Accountable City Services

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

MOVED by Councillor Zhou

SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver delivers services that touch every aspect of daily life—from keeping streets clean and safe, to maintaining parks and facilities, to ensuring timely permits, emergency response, and community supports. These services are often managed in separate departments, but residents experience them as one city;
2. Other cities have shown that data-driven performance and accountability systems can transform how governments deliver services. For example, CompStat (short for Computer Statistics) was first developed by the New York City Police Department in 1994 and has since led to measurable improvements in governance, transparency, and safety in cities such as New York, Seattle, and Chicago;
3. The CompStat model uses data analytics and regular accountability meetings to monitor trends, allocate resources more effectively, and respond quickly to community needs. While it was pioneered in policing, its principles have been successfully adapted to broader city services, as in Baltimore, where they helped improve service delivery and efficiency across government;
4. Vancouver has an opportunity to adapt this proven accountability framework into a pilot program, referred to as VanStat, designed to break down silos, align priorities, and focus on outcomes that matter to residents;
5. At the core of the model are monthly Performance Review Meetings (PRMs), which create a predictable and disciplined cycle where departments review progress, identify challenges, make decisions, and follow through on commitments. This helps ensure resources are aligned to the most pressing needs of Vancouverites;
6. During the VanStat pilot, monthly PRMs would focus on trends and results across city services. Deliverables would include a public-facing digest, setting and tracking of monthly targets, reporting on milestones, discussion of trade-offs, resource reallocations, and performance on key service indicators;
7. City of Vancouver department representatives (“Accountable Owners”) such as Deputy City Managers, Department General Managers, and relevant team leads would participate in PRMs. Departments engaged in the pilot would include:
 - Vancouver Police Department
 - Facilities, Planning & Development
 - Civic Engagement & Communications
 - Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services
 - Arts, Culture & Community Services
 - Business & Economy Office
 - Office of the Chief Safety Officer
 - Real Estate Services
 - Development, Buildings & Licensing
 - Indigenous Relations
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Engineering Services;

8. The VanStat pilot would initially be limited to internal City departments, with the long-term goal of encouraging external partners such as Vancouver Coastal Health and relevant provincial ministries to join, where joint action could improve outcomes for residents; and
9. The proposed governance structure would include the Mayor and City Manager as Executive Co-Chairs, a VanStat Director as program lead and liaison to the Mayor's Office and City Manager, and an Action Log & Tracker cataloguing all commitments, responsible owners, timelines, and performance outcomes, with a weekly close-out rate as a key accountability measure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to establish a three-month VanStat Pilot Program modelled on the CompStat accountability framework, adapted for holistic city service delivery, focused on the West-end, Downtown, Strathcona, and Mount Pleasant neighborhoods;

FURTHER THAT the VanStat Pilot Program shall include, but not be limited to:

- Convening monthly Performance Review Meetings (PRMs) for all participating or required departments and department leads;
- Preparing a public-facing monthly digest to share progress and outcomes with residents;
- Implementing a governance structure with the Mayor and City Manager as Executive Co-Chairs, supported by the VanStat Director, to oversee pilot operations, accountability, and reporting.

- B. THAT Council direct VanStat staff to report back within 3-6 months of implementation with an evaluation of the pilot program, including recommendations for expanding VanStat across all City departments and for the potential inclusion of external partners such as Vancouver Coastal Health and relevant provincial ministries.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the following be struck from A:

- Preparing a public-facing monthly digest to share progress and outcomes with residents;
- Implementing a governance structure with the Mayor and City Manager as Executive Co-Chairs, supported by the VanStat Director, to oversee pilot operations, accountability, and reporting;

FURTHER THAT the following be added to the end of the FUTURE THAT clause in A:

- That Council approve in principle the creation of a VanStat Pilot Program modelled on the CompStat accountability framework, but refer to the independent Office of the Auditor General for their consideration of the governance, performance, and analysis of this framework, consistent with their statutory role and responsibility.

LOST (Vote No. 11012)

(Councillors Kirby-Yung, Maloney, Meiszner, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)

(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 11013) with Councillors Maloney and Orr opposed, Councillor Fry abstaining, and Councillor Dominato absent for the vote.

3. Protecting the Champlain Heights Forest Trail Network for Future Generations and Residents

The Committee heard from 11 speakers who spoke in support of the motion.

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At 4:55 pm, it was

MOVED by Councillor Fry

SECONDED by Councillor Maloney

THAT, under section 2.8 (b) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee extend the meeting past 5:00 pm to complete Motion 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND

BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

(Councillors Bligh, Dominato, Kirby-Yung and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

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MOVED by Councillor Fry

SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. In the southeast corner of Vancouver, Champlain Heights is a masterplanned community built by the city in the late 1970's. The site, adjacent to a decommissioned city landfill and largely covered in forest was at the time of construction one of the last undeveloped greenfield sites in the city. The neighbourhood defies the traditional street grid model, as meandering streets and cul-de-sacs weave through ribbons of forest and trails, creating a pleasant, wooded, car-light environment;

2. Constructed on city-owned land, Champlain Heights was modeled as a contemporary of South False Creek with a mix of strata, social, and cooperative housing on leasehold land, with terms ranging from 60-99 years. Mostly constructed of low-rise wood frame structures, the community hosts diverse incomes and demographics;
3. Champlain Heights is greatly enhanced by its forested pathways. Named after native flora: Birch, Fir, Orange Dogwood, Grey Gum, Blue Elderberry, Black Cottonwood, and Red Alder Trails form an extensive network of greenspace winding through the neighbourhood (North to South from Matheson Crescent to S E Marine Drive and West to East from Champlain Crescent to Boundary), providing ecological benefits, robust tree canopy, natural cooling, stormwater mitigation, and access to nature for residents and visitors;
4. The trail network is maintained by the Engineering's Green Streets Program and Park Board, and stewarded by local environmental non-profit, Free the Fern Stewardship Society. With over 1,500 volunteers and thousands of hours Free the Fern have removed 233.64 m3 of invasive plants, planted over 3,500 native plants, and organized over 100 community events;
5. The Champlain Heights trail system provides a variety of benefits to both the environment and the surrounding community, including: as a bird flyway, an ecological corridor, mitigating air quality, and contributing to physical and mental wellbeing, in a part of the city where there is otherwise and historically a relatively limited amount of tree canopy adjacent to residential development²;
6. As part of the Vancouver Plan implementation, the City's Social Housing Initiative³ seeks to accelerate the delivery of non-profit-led social and cooperative housing by streamlining the development process across the city. The report recognizes that the Champlain Heights neighbourhood presents an opportunity to deliver more housing and social housing options at the time of lease renewal, but also recommends "conservation of the existing Champlain Heights forest and trail system", and urging that "development proposals under this initiative must consider the existing trails, including a buffer and interface with any new buildings"; and
7. Currently, none of Champlain Heights' verdant trail network is protected or designated as park⁴. The forested pathways exist on City owned rights-of-way where they are variously labeled as street horticulture, "Large landscaped area," and Garden ID 3500 (Fraserview Community Garden).

² Free the Fern, Allison Luke | Growing Together: How the Champlain Heights trail system benefits the local community and environment in Vancouver (PDF) <https://freethefern.ca/755-2/>

³ City of Vancouver January 2025 | Vancouver's Social Housing Initiative engagement report <https://syc.vancouver.ca/projects/social-housing/vancouver-social-housing-engagement-report.pdf>

⁴ City of Vancouver | Memo to Mayor and Council - Parks Designation Update 2024 <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/2024-04-19-memo-to-mayor-and-council-parks-designation-update.pdf>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to report back with considerations for the protection of the Champlain Heights trail network variously under the Vancouver Charter provisions for park designation, along with any implications of doing so and any alternative options for preserving the trail network.
- B. THAT Council recognizes the critical importance of maintaining the trail network along with any future redevelopment as complimentary to density, livability and urban resilience.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to engage with Free the Fern Stewardship Society and others to support complimentary resident-led stewardship of the Champlain Heights trail network.
- D. THAT Council requests the Mayor formally acknowledge and thank Free the Fern Stewardship Society for their stewardship efforts to date and ongoing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11014)
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

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The Committee recessed at 5:27 pm and reconvened at 6:05 pm.

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4. Prioritizing Accessibility and Public Participation at City Council

The Committee heard from three speakers who spoke in support of the motion, and one speaker who spoke to other aspects of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Orr
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

- 1. 41% of Canadians believe people like them don't have a say in government actions, and trust in public institutions across Canada is faltering, which risks undermining public safety, democratic resilience, and economic well-being;
- 2. Data from the OECD Survey on Drivers of Trust in Public Institutions shows that "people who feel they have a say in what the government does are more likely to trust government";
- 3. City Council meetings provide a rare opportunity to speak directly to elected representatives, but many residents face barriers to participation, especially

people with disabilities, people in caretaking roles, newcomers, and people with inflexible work schedules or life commitments;

4. Residents benefit from timely access to agendas and reports in order to prepare informed comment and contribution to Council proceedings and decisions;
5. City Councillors are empowered by knowledgeable citizens that can give meaningful and informed feedback on City Council agenda items;
6. City Council agendas frequently total hundreds of pages of reading and are often published for public review less than a week before they are brought to Council;
7. City reports are sometimes delivered to the public with less than a week's notice, despite being prepared months in advance;
8. Members of the public who wish to speak to City Council experience significant unpredictability at what time they will be called on, creating undue barriers to participation;
9. Any residents find the process of speaking at a council meeting challenging and intimidating, particularly people with disabilities and people who speak English as a second language, and would benefit from improved communication and clarity about the process to help them prepare and fully participate;
10. City Council can prioritize making public participation more accessible and effective for working people in Vancouver, accommodating busy families, people with disabilities, and workers; and
11. Open and accessible participation in municipal decision-making by members of the public is a cornerstone of Vancouver's democratic governance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back with recommendations and required by-law or procedure changes to:

1. Extend the minimum public release window for upcoming Council agendas and supporting reports a minimum of 8 days in advance of scheduled meetings;
2. Make completed reports publicly available as soon as practicable once finalized by staff, even prior to the release of agendas, unless restricted for legal or confidentiality reasons;
3. Allow members of the public to give public comment at meetings of Council by submitting a two-minute video or audio statements in advance, which can be played during the Council meeting in place of a comment that would have otherwise been made in person or on the phone;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work with the Accessibility Committee and other civic engagement experts to assess and improve official communications related to public participation in Council meetings, and if needed, report back with recommendations or procedural changes including but not limited to:

1. Publishing the number of registered speakers for each agenda item to allow members of the public to make an informed assessment of how long proceedings may take;
2. Communicating when Council typically breaks for meals or goes in camera, and providing clear updates following a decision of council to recess or go In Camera;
3. Publishing official updates on Council meeting proceedings on third-party platforms that are accessible to people without accounts on those platforms and safe regardless of an individual's identity, and/or exploring options to embed Council meeting updates on the City of Vancouver's website;
4. Providing detailed, accurate, and plain-language communication on the process of registering to speak at a meeting of Council, requesting additional time for people with disabilities or people using a translator, what to expect when participating in a meeting at city hall or by phone, and the process of submitting written feedback;
5. Publishing reports, motions, and official communications about Council meeting agendas in formats that are accessible for people who use screen readers or other access devices, and when possible, publishing plain-language summaries of reports.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Montague
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the following be deleted:

“to report back with recommendations and required by-law or procedure changes to:

1. Extend the minimum public release window for upcoming Council agendas and supporting reports a minimum of 8 days in advance of scheduled meetings;
2. Make completed reports publicly available as soon as practicable once finalized by staff, even prior to the release of agendas, unless restricted for legal or confidentiality reasons;
3. Allow members of the public to give public comment at meetings of Council by submitting a two-minute video or audio statements in advance, which can be played during the Council meeting in place of a comment

that would have otherwise been made in person or on the phone.

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No.11015)
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No.11016) with Councillor Bligh absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

1. 41% of Canadians believe [people like them don't have a say](#) in government actions, and trust in public institutions across Canada is faltering, which risks undermining public safety, democratic resilience, and economic well-being;
2. Data from the [OECD Survey on Drivers of Trust in Public Institutions](#) shows that "people who feel they have a say in what the government does are more likely to trust government";
3. City Council meetings provide a rare opportunity to speak directly to elected representatives, but many residents face barriers to participation, especially people with disabilities, people in caretaking roles, newcomers, and people with inflexible work schedules or life commitments;
4. Residents benefit from timely access to agendas and reports in order to prepare informed comment and contribution to Council proceedings and decisions;
5. City Councillors are empowered by knowledgeable citizens that can give meaningful and informed feedback on City Council agenda items;
6. City Council agendas frequently total hundreds of pages of reading and are often published for public review less than a week before they are brought to Council;
7. City reports are sometimes delivered to the public with less than a week's notice, despite being prepared months in advance;
8. Members of the public who wish to speak to City Council experience significant unpredictability at what time they will be called on, creating undue barriers to participation;
9. Any residents find the process of speaking at a council meeting challenging and intimidating, particularly people with disabilities and people who speak English as a second language, and would benefit from improved communication and clarity about the process to help them prepare and fully participate;

10. City Council can prioritize making public participation more accessible and effective for working people in Vancouver, accommodating busy families, people with disabilities, and workers; and
11. Open and accessible participation in municipal decision-making by members of the public is a cornerstone of Vancouver's democratic governance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to work with the Accessibility Committee and other civic engagement experts to assess and improve official communications related to public participation in Council meetings, and if needed, report back with recommendations or procedural changes including but not limited to:

1. Publishing the number of registered speakers for each agenda item to allow members of the public to make an informed assessment of how long proceedings may take;
2. Communicating when Council typically breaks for meals or goes in camera, and providing clear updates following a decision of council to recess or go In Camera;
3. Publishing official updates on Council meeting proceedings on third-party platforms that are accessible to people without accounts on those platforms and safe regardless of an individual's identity, and/or exploring options to embed Council meeting updates on the City of Vancouver's website;
4. Providing detailed, accurate, and plain-language communication on the process of registering to speak at a meeting of Council, requesting additional time for people with disabilities or people using a translator, what to expect when participating in a meeting at city hall or by phone, and the process of submitting written feedback;
5. Publishing reports, motions, and official communications about Council meeting agendas in formats that are accessible for people who use screen readers or other access devices, and when possible, publishing plain-language summaries of reports.

5. Next Stop UBC: A Call to Accelerate the Completion of the Broadway SkyTrain

The Committee heard from 13 speakers who spoke in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Maloney

SECONDED by Councillor Orr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has had a history of support for, and securing funding for, the continuation of the Broadway SkyTrain to the University of British Columbia

- (UBC) and has supported all impacted residents and businesses through the Broadway SkyTrain extension project;
2. Over 13,000 UBC students and Vancouver community members have signed the Alma Mater Society's petition calling on the Province of British Columbia to release the Millennium Line UBC Extension (UBCx) business case, and for senior governments to fully fund the project;
 3. More than 61,000 of UBC's 80,540 students, staff, and faculty commute from offcampus; over 23,000 are City of Vancouver residents. Many already live along the Broadway corridor, and many more are expected to move there in the coming years as its redevelopment proceeds (UBC Campus + Community Planning, 2024);
 4. With approximately 165,000 daily boardings, Broadway is the busiest transit corridor in Canada and the United States, and the UBC Bus Exchange is the busiest bus loop without rapid transit in Metro Vancouver. Current transit demand already exceeds capacity; each year, the 99 B-Line bus passes-by about 550,000 riders. Multiple studies have confirmed that only SkyTrain would have the capacity to meet the corridor's current and anticipated ridership demands;
 5. Under current projections, each morning the Broadway SkyTrain will deposit more than 4,000 UBC commuters on the sidewalk, where they must switch to a bus to complete their journey. This will only compound the 99 B-Line capacity issue;
 6. TransLink projects that UBCx would bring 80% of UBC students, staff, and faculty within a one-hour commute of campus, freeing up capacity on existing transit infrastructure, like the 99 B-Line, and reducing congestion and its associated air and noise pollution impacts on major streets in Vancouver and across the region;
 7. The Millennium Line Broadway Extension Project's business case recommended studying UBCx as a standalone project (BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, 2018). The business case is a necessary first step in the Province of British Columbia's financial approvals and planning process. Though the province first committed to UBCx in 2008, it has yet to materially advance the project;
 8. In 2021 the provincial and federal governments together agreed to fund the UBCx business case. However, the study remains incomplete with no recent announcements or updates on its delivery timeline;
 9. More than 92% of Metro Vancouver residents support UBCx. In 2022, the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation prioritized the project by including it in its 10-year plan (UBC Rapid Transit, 2021); and
 10. UBCx would connect residents of Vancouver and the rest of the Lower Mainland to jobs, services, education, and cultural areas on the UBC Vancouver campus.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council calls upon the Province of British Columbia to expedite work on the business case for the UBC SkyTrain Extension (UBCx).
- B. THAT Council calls upon the Province of British Columbia to develop and commit to a comprehensive timeline for planning and implementing UBCx.
- C. THAT Council calls upon the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to commit to funding UBCx in cooperation with TransLink, UBC, First Nations, and other relevant local partners.
- D. THAT Council directs the Mayor to write to the Premier of British Columbia, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Transportation, the Federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, the Provincial Minister of Transportation and Transit, and the Provincial Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs to express Council's support for UBCx, the expedited release of its business case, and commitments to a timeline and funding.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the following be added as E:

- E. THAT Mayor and Council call upon the Government of Canada to designate the UBCx SkyTrain Extension as a Project of National Significance, recognizing its critical role in linking the UBC campus to the region along one of Metro Vancouver's busiest commuter corridors and supporting UBC's position as a leading centre of employment and innovation. This designation would bring the project under the federal Major Projects Office, helping to accelerate approvals and coordinate all levels of government to complete the full extension to UBC as quickly and efficiently as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No.11017)
(Councillor Bligh absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No.11018) with Councillor Bligh absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

- 1. The City of Vancouver has had a history of support for, and securing funding for, the continuation of the Broadway SkyTrain to the University of British Columbia (UBC) and has supported all impacted residents and businesses through the Broadway SkyTrain extension project;

2. Over 13,000 UBC students and Vancouver community members have signed the Alma Mater Society's petition calling on the Province of British Columbia to release the Millennium Line UBC Extension (UBCx) business case, and for senior governments to fully fund the project;
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council calls upon the Province of British Columbia to expedite work on the business case for the UBC SkyTrain Extension (UBCx).
- B. THAT Council calls upon the Province of British Columbia to develop and commit to a comprehensive timeline for planning and implementing UBCx.
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6. Advancing Recommendations and Remedies to Improve Operation and Application of Vancouver's Code of Conduct By-law

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in support of the motion, and one speaker who spoke in opposition of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Orr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

- 1. Public trust in local governance is built on a foundation of clear rules, transparent processes, and accountable leadership;
- 2. Vancouver City Councillors' Oath of Office commits to abide by conflict of interest rules under the Vancouver Charter, to carry out duties with integrity, to be accountable for decisions and actions in the course of duties, and to perform the duties of the office in accordance with the law;

3. The City of Vancouver established the Office of the Integrity Commissioner in 2022 to provide independent oversight, education, and advice on ethical conduct for Council;
4. The Integrity Commissioner's 2023 and 2024 Annual Reports identified key areas for improvement in the Code of Conduct By-law, including compulsory education, public reporting of non-attendance, clarity in investigative procedures, the gap in governance of political employees, and sanction provisions for reduction in remuneration and/or roles that enhance remuneration;
5. The independent review conducted by Reece Harding (2025) recommended ten substantive amendments to enhance the Code's clarity, independence, and effectiveness, including the need for structural protections for the Integrity Commissioner and clearer complaint procedures;
6. The BC Ombudsperson has repeatedly called for provincial legislation to mandate enforceable municipal codes of conduct, citing Vancouver's experience as evidence of the risks of relying solely on local by-laws;
7. A recent August 22 ruling by the Integrity Commissioner found a majority of Council (current/former members of ABC) were in breach of the Code of Conduct and Vancouver Charter. However the report was ineligible of consideration for debate, discussion, or disciplinary action because the respondents numbered more than quorum and would otherwise recuse in conflict ruling on themselves; and
8. The current Code lacks a robust and enforceable framework for sanctions, particularly in cases where Council or Board Members hold authority over disciplinary outcomes, undermining public accountability.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council endorse the recommendations contained in the 2023 and 2024 Annual Reports of the Integrity Commissioner, including:
 - a) Clarification of confidentiality obligations during investigations; and
 - b) Amending the Code of Conduct By-law to include sanction provisions for reduction in remuneration and/or restriction from holding roles that enhance remuneration in appropriate circumstances.
- B. THAT Council directs staff to report back on ways to address the recommendations from Reece Harding's independent review, along with any necessary draft amendments to the Code of Conduct By-law No. 12886 as applicable, to address the recommendations, including:
 - a) Enhanced independence and structural protections for the Integrity Commissioner;

- b) Creation of an investigative roster to separate advisory and investigative functions;
 - c) Public Release of Investigation Reports;
 - d) Limiting public complaints to City residents and considering a refundable filing fee;
 - e) Clear sanctions for breaches of confidentiality and misuse of the complaint process;
 - f) Removal of Advisory Board Members from the investigative scope.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to work with the Integrity Commissioner and Legal Services to report back within 90 days with draft amendments to the Code of Conduct By-law No. 12886 in order to:
- a) Establish a graduated sanctions regime for breaches, including:
 - i. Formal reprimands;
 - ii. Suspension of committee appointments;
 - iii. Public censure;
 - iv. Temporary loss of voting privileges on non-statutory matters;
 - v. Referral to external legal or regulatory bodies where appropriate; and
 - vi. Ensure sanctions are enforceable regardless of the composition of Council or Boards.
 - b) Recommendations for implementation and public communication.
- D. THAT Council request the Mayor to write to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs urging the Province to:
- a) Introduce legislation mandating municipal codes of conduct;
 - b) Provide statutory protections for local integrity commissioners;
 - c) Align BC with other provinces (e.g., Ontario, Manitoba, New Brunswick) in establishing enforceable ethical standards.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Meiszner
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT in B the word “ten” be inserted between the words “the” and “recommendations”;

FURTHER THAT A and C, and their subclauses, be struck;

AND FURTHER THAT B's subclauses be struck and replaced with the following:

1. Strengthen the Integrity Commissioner's independence by amending the Code to maximize structural autonomy;
2. Work with the Province to amend the Vancouver Charter to (a) explicitly authorize a municipal Code of Conduct and (b) enable an independent Integrity Commissioner;
3. Revise the Code to (a) clarify its purpose, (b) narrow its prohibitions, and (c) improve the Commissioner's complaint-screening process;
4. Update section 5.7 to let the Commissioner appoint qualified investigators from a roster when needed;
5. Amend section 6.31(c) to (a) stop publishing full reports when no breach is found, (b) publish anonymous summaries instead, (c) share those summaries with complainants, and (d) suspend complainants who breach confidentiality;
6. Amend sections 6.1 and 6.3 to limit complaints to Vancouver residents and consider requiring a refundable filing fee;
7. Clarify confidentiality rules in sections 6.38–6.40 to strengthen and better define expectations;
8. Amend the Code to (a) make Council members accountable for Code breaches by staff they direct and (b) confirm the Integrity Commissioner has no jurisdiction over political staff – those complaints go to the City;
9. Consider removing Advisory Board Members from the Code's complaint and investigation process; and
10. Have staff review and potentially integrate other detailed amendments listed in the table attached to the report where appropriate.

CARRIED (Vote No.11019)
(Councillors Fry, Maloney, and Orr opposed)
(Councillors Bligh and Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED (Vote No.11020) with Councillors Fry, Maloney, and Orr opposed, and Councillors Bligh and Kirby-Yung absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

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3. The City of Vancouver established the Office of the Integrity Commissioner in 2022 to provide independent oversight, education, and advice on ethical conduct for Council;
4. The Integrity Commissioner's 2023 and 2024 Annual Reports^{5 6} identified key areas for improvement in the Code of Conduct By-law, including compulsory education, public reporting of non-attendance, clarity in investigative procedures, the gap in governance of political employees, and sanction provisions for reduction in remuneration and/or roles that enhance remuneration;
5. The independent review conducted by Reece Harding (2025)⁷ recommended ten substantive amendments to enhance the Code's clarity, independence, and effectiveness, including the need for structural protections for the Integrity Commissioner and clearer complaint procedures;
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

⁵ Lisa Southern, City of Vancouver 2023 Annual Report – Integrity Commissioner <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/integrity-commissioner-annual-report-2023.pdf>

⁶ Lisa Southern, City of Vancouver 2024 Annual Report – Integrity Commissioner <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/2024-annual-report.pdf>

⁷ Reece Harding, City of Vancouver Code of Conduct By-law No. 12886 Review and Recommendations <https://council.vancouver.ca/20250311/documents/icre-ReleaseofCityofVancouverCodeofConductBylawNo.12886ReviewandRecommendations-RTS17852.pdf>

⁸ BC Ombudsperson Statement on Municipal Integrity https://bcombudsperson.ca/news_release/two-recent-vancouver-municipal-integrity-reports-highlight-need-for-provincial-legislationbc-ombudsperson-says/

⁹ City of Vancouver Integrity Commissioner Report COVIC-010 <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/covic-010-investigation-report-complaint-mayor-sim-councillors-aug-2025.pdf>

- A. THAT Council direct staff to report back on ways to address the ten recommendations from Reece Harding's independent review, along with any necessary draft amendments to the Code of Conduct By-law No. 12886 as applicable, to address the ten recommendations, specifically:
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The Committee adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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

OCTOBER 8, 2025

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 7:53 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 Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Lucy Maloney
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Brian Montague
Councillor Sean Orr
Councillor Lenny Zhou

ABSENT:

Councillor Rebecca Bligh (Leave of Absence – Civic Business
– 4:45 pm onwards)
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Mike Klassen (Leave of Absence – Personal
Reasons)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

Donny van Dyk, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Lesley Matthews, Acting Deputy City Clerk
Cassia Nasralla, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
Wednesday, October 8, 2025

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. Contract Award for PS20240941-ENG-RFP Supply and Delivery of Fuels
2. Contract Award for City-Wide Construction Contract 2025-2028
3. Amending Agreement (No. 1) to Fujitsu Consulting (Canada) Inc. First Modification Agreement for the Provision of an Enterprise Service Management Platform

Council Members' Motions:

1. Zero Means Zero: Advancing a Zero Percent Property Tax Increase for 2026

2. VanStat: A Pilot Program for Smart, Transparent, and Accountable City Services
3. Protecting the Champlain Heights Forest Trail Network for Future Generations and Residents
4. Prioritizing Accessibility and Public Participation at City Council
5. Next Stop UBC: A Call to Accelerate the Completion of the Broadway SkyTrain
6. Advancing Recommendations and Remedies to Improve Operation and Application of Vancouver's Code of Conduct By-law

Reports 1 to 3 and Council Members' Motions 1 to 6

MOVED by Councillor Zhou

SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of October 8, 2025, as contained in Reports 1 to 3 and Council Members' Motions 1 to 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Montague

SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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