



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

MARCH 11, 2026

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 9:30 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 Councillor Lisa Dominato* Councillor Pete Fry Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business, 9:30 am – 1 pm) Councillor Mike Klassen, Vice Chair Councillor Lucy Maloney Councillor Peter Meiszner Councillor Sean Orr*
ABSENT:	Councillor Brian Montague (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 Alyse Stewart, 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.

PROCLAMATION – Nowruz

The Mayor proclaimed March 20, 2026, as the day of Nowruz in the City of Vancouver.

PROCLAMATION – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The Mayor proclaimed March 21, 2026, as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the City of Vancouver.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

None.

REPORTS

1. Housing and Homelessness Services 2026 Grants: Renter Services Grants February 10, 2026

The registered speaker for this item was not present.

MOVED by Councillor Meiszner
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve 16 Renter Services Grants totaling \$500,000 from the 2026 Housing and Homelessness Services Operating Budget (EHT allocation), to the organizations listed in Appendix A of the Report dated February 10, 2026, entitled "Housing and Homelessness Services 2026 Grants: Renter Services Grants", for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2026 Recommend" column.
- B. THAT Council allocate \$500,000 from the Empty Homes Tax (EHT) Reserve to continue the Renter Services Grants program for 2027 to enable non-profit organizations to provide critical programs and services to Vancouver renters at risk of displacement from their homes.
- C. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deem the recommended grantees in A above that are not registered charities with the Canada Revenue Agency to be an organization contributing to the health and welfare of the City.
- D. THAT Council delegate authority to the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services (or their designate) to execute grant agreements that include terms and conditions that are consistent with the Report dated February 10, 2026, entitled "Housing and Homelessness Services 2026 Grants: Renter Services Grants"; satisfy the City's Director of Legal Services; and disburse the grants described in the above-noted report.
- E. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of A through C above unless and until all legal documentation has been executed

and delivered by the respective parties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND A TO C
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 11465) (*reconsidered*)
(Councillor Dominato and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

Note: This vote was reconsidered later in the meeting, see page 8 of the Minutes.

For clarity the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

2. Chinatown Strategic Priority Grants February 13, 2026

Staff from Strategy and Project Support responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Maloney

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve four strategic priority grants totaling \$387,000 from the City's Operating Budget to the organizations and for the amounts outlined in the Report dated February 13, 2026, entitled "Chinatown Strategic Priority Grants", in support of the Uplifting Chinatown Action Plan approved by Council in January 2023.
- B. THAT pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization listed in this report that is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency to be contributing to the culture, beautification, health, or welfare of the city.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute the appropriate grant agreements with each of the respective organizations as outlined in the Report dated February 13, 2026, entitled "Chinatown Strategic Priority Grants".
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of A through C above unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND A AND B
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 11466)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. **A One-Time Extraordinary Grant for Granville Street Activation During FIFA World Cup 2026**

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

MOVED by Councillor Meiszner

SECONDED by Mayor Sim

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver will soon host seven FIFA World Cup 2026 matches at BC Place, welcoming more than 50,000 ticketed spectators per match and generating significant additional visitor activity throughout the downtown core;
2. Downtown Vancouver will fall within the required 2-kilometre FIFA "Controlled Area" on each match day and the day prior, requiring coordinated planning to support safety, emergency access, and regulated commercial activity;
3. Granville Street between West Georgia Street and Davie Street is proposed to be temporarily pedestrianized from June 11 to July 19, 2026 (39 consecutive days) to enhance pedestrian safety, support local businesses, and create a welcoming public gathering space during the tournament period;
4. The Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association, representing approximately 8,000 businesses and property owners across 90 blocks of the downtown core, has committed to leading marketing, placemaking, beautification, micro-cleaning, and street-level activation initiatives along Granville Street during this period;
5. The City of Vancouver will be responsible for core operational requirements including transit re-routing, street closures, policing, security, sanitation, and general stewardship, while the Downtown Vancouver BIA will assume responsibility for activation programming and related enhancements;
6. FIFA security requirements and limited policing resources restrict large-scale stage concerts or public viewing installations on Granville Street, necessitating a pedestrian-focused activation model emphasizing expanded patios, small-scale performances such as buskers, interactive and "Instagramable" installations, beautification, and enhancements to the public realm that are playful, approachable, accessible, and suitable for all ages;
7. A sustained, free, and inclusive activation will ensure that residents and visitors, including those without match tickets, can participate in the energy and excitement of the tournament and support downtown businesses under the

theme “Make Downtown Your Goal”;

8. The Downtown Vancouver BIA is the largest Business Improvement Association in Western Canada and has demonstrated expertise and capacity in delivering economic development initiatives and public realm programming at scale;
9. Council has replenished the City’s financial reserves over the past several years and may allocate one-time funding for strategic, time-limited initiatives that advance economic vitality, enhance public safety and vibrancy, and showcase Vancouver positively to a global audience; and
10. A one-time extraordinary grant of \$300,000 represents a modest and strategic investment to complement the \$800,000 financial contribution by Downtown Vancouver BIA to support programming on Granville St FIFA World Cup 2026, help offset the BIA’s financial burden and elevate the Granville Street activation from good to great during a once-in-a-generation international event.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council approve a one-time extraordinary grant of up to \$300,000 to the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association, funded from the City’s available financial reserves, to complement the BIA’s significant financial contribution and offset eligible costs associated with activation, placemaking, beautification, marketing, micro-cleaning, and enhanced stewardship of Granville Street between West Georgia Street and Davie Street during the FIFA World Cup 2026 period (June 11 to July 19, 2026).
- B. THAT Council direct the General Manager of Engineering Services in collaboration with the FWC26 Chief Delivery Officer to work with the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association and enter into a funding agreement outlining eligible expenditures, reporting requirements, and compliance with applicable City policies and FIFA-related regulations.
- C. THAT Council direct City staff to work with the Downtown BIA to arrange for any permits required to enable a Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association-led activation initiative taking place during the period in which Vancouver is hosting 2026 FIFA World Cup matches, supported in part by a City of Vancouver grant on the five blocks of Granville Street identified in this motion (West Georgia Street to Davie Street) and, if it is determined that any by-law amendments are needed in order to facilitate the activation initiative, that Council direct the Director of Legal Services to prepare those amendments and bring them forward for enactment by Council.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to report back to Council following the conclusion of the activation period with a summary of outcomes, including activation results, business participation, and opportunities for legacy reuse of installations and public realm improvements.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Meiszner
SECONDED by Mayor Sim

THAT the following be added as clauses E and F

- E. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the grant agreement for the associated amount that includes terms and conditions that are consistent with the intentions of this motion, that satisfy the City's Director of Legal Services, and that disburse the grant described in this motion to the City Manager (or their designate).
- F. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11467)
(Councillor Orr absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 11468) with Councillor Orr absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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- responsibility for activation programming and related enhancements;
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 9. Council has replenished the City’s financial reserves over the past several years and may allocate one-time funding for strategic, time-limited initiatives that advance economic vitality, enhance public safety and vibrancy, and showcase Vancouver positively to a global audience; and
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of Vancouver grant on the five blocks of Granville Street identified in this motion (West Georgia Street to Davie Street) and, if it is determined that any by-law amendments are needed in order to facilitate the activation initiative, that Council direct the Director of Legal Services to prepare those amendments and bring them forward for enactment by Council.

- D. THAT Council direct staff to report back to Council following the conclusion of the activation period with a summary of outcomes, including activation results, business participation, and opportunities for legacy reuse of installations and public realm improvements.
- E. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the grant agreement for the associated amount that includes terms and conditions that are consistent with the intentions of this motion, that satisfy the City's Director of Legal Services, and that disburse the grant described in this motion to the City Manager (or their designate).
- F. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of the clauses above unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties).

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Following completion of Council Members' Motion 1

RECONSIDERATION MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Mayor Sim

THAT as per section 8.13(2) of the *Procedure By-law* the Committee reconsider the vote on Report 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subsequently, the original main motion was back on the floor of Council

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

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- B. THAT Council allocate \$500,000 from the Empty Homes Tax (EHT) Reserve to continue the Renter Services Grants program for 2027 to enable non-profit organizations to provide critical programs and services to Vancouver renters at risk of displacement from their homes.

- C. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter, Council deem the recommended grantees in A above that are not registered charities with the Canada Revenue Agency to be an organization contributing to the health and welfare of the City.
- D. THAT Council delegate authority to the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services (or their designate) to execute grant agreements that include terms and conditions that are consistent with the Report dated February 10, 2026, entitled "Housing and Homelessness Services 2026 Grants: Renter Services Grants"; satisfy the City's Director of Legal Services; and disburse the grants described in the above-noted report.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND A TO C
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 11469)

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2. Advancing the Right to Food and Public Food Infrastructure

The Committee heard from 10 speakers who spoke in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Orr
SECONDED by Councillor Maloney

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Access to nutritious, affordable, and culturally appropriate food is a human right and a core social determinant of health;
2. In January 2013, Council adopted the Vancouver Food Strategy, committing the City to support food friendly neighbourhoods, improve access to healthy and culturally diverse food, strengthen a green food economy, and advocate for a just and sustainable food system, recognizing that food is essential for strong and connected communities;
3. Thirteen years later, significant inequities persist, and food access remains unevenly distributed;
4. The BC Centre for Disease Control has identified household food insecurity as a serious public health issue rooted in systemic inequities, and food access

remains unevenly distributed across Vancouver, with lower income neighbourhoods facing the greatest barriers;

5. The City's Equitable Access to Healthy Food Retail Report identified Food Priority Zones, primarily in the Downtown Eastside and southeast Vancouver, where residents have limited access to full-service grocery stores and higher rates of food insecurity;
6. The Downtown Eastside is home to the largest Urban Indigenous population in British Columbia, as well as the highest concentration of seniors and people with disabilities in Vancouver, yet continues to lack equitable access to dignified food retail;
7. The potential loss of long-standing neighbourhood food assets highlights the fragility of culturally significant and affordable food infrastructure, particularly for Chinese, Japanese, and other communities that rely on culturally appropriate foods;
8. Four corporations control the majority of Canada's grocery market, limiting competition and contributing to rising food costs that disproportionately impact low-income residents; and
9. While income supports remain the jurisdiction of senior governments, the City of Vancouver has tools within its authority, including publicly owned land, zoning powers, and leases, to strengthen equitable and community-based food infrastructure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council affirm the human right to adequate, nutritious, safe, and culturally appropriate food as a guiding principle in City planning, land use, economic, and social policy decisions.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back with the following:
 - (i) A list of City owned land and commercial spaces in Food Priority Zones, beginning with the Downtown Eastside;
 - (ii) Policy options to pilot at least one publicly owned or community operated grocery store on City land; and
 - (iii) Tools to stabilize and protect culturally significant and affordable food retail.

LOST (Vote No. 11470)

(Councillors Dominato, Klassen, Meiszner, Zhou, and Mayor Sim opposed)

(Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote)

3. Cheap, Easy and Everywhere: Unlocking the full potential of shared mobility to reduce traffic congestion across Metro Vancouver

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

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Following hearing from speakers, it was

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

THAT under Section 2.8(a) of the Procedure Bylaw, the Committee extend the meeting past noon in order to complete the agenda and complete the Council meeting following the Standing Committee meeting.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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*MOVED by Councillor Maloney
SECONDED by Councillor Orr*

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Shared active-transportation services, including bike-share systems, contribute to cleaner air, improved public health outcomes, quieter neighbourhoods, and reduced traffic congestion, while providing residents with efficient and affordable mobility options ([Urban Mobility](#), 2025);
2. In 2020, the City of Vancouver established a goal to ensure that two-thirds of all in-city trips would be made by active transportation and transit modes by 2030 ([City of Vancouver](#), 2020);
3. With an initial \$5 million investment from the City, in 2016 Vancouver Bike Share Inc. launched the Mobi (by Rogers) system. The company now services 264 bike share stations and 2,600 bikes, including 600 e-bikes;
4. Vancouver Bike Share Inc. now self-finances its operations via advertising and user fees, while also compensating the City for its use of parking spaces for docking stations;

5. A growing number of people are using Mobi (by Rogers), however the unequal distribution of stations across the city, and its limited intermodal and inter-regional connections are likely limiting its potential ([Vancouver Sun](#), 2025);
6. Vancouver's bike share system trails those of both Toronto and Montreal in both system size and affordability. Compared with Vancouver, Montreal's system offers nearly twice as many shared bikes per resident ([Vancouver Sun](#), 2025);
7. The cities of Montreal and Toronto formally recognize the public benefit of bike-share systems and invest in them accordingly, whereas Vancouver's now operates on a cost-recovery basis;
8. An opportunity exists for the City to collaborate with other Metro Vancouver local governments on a safe, sustainable, and convenient regional bike-share network that would bring broad public benefits including reduced traffic congestion;
9. Studies show that cities can significantly boost bike-share uptake, especially among low-income residents, by increasing station coverage in underserved areas, lowering prices, and improving accessibility via, for example, a unified pass that would work across all public transit modes ([Transportation Research Record, 2025](#));
10. Given the strong evidence base for their societal benefits, bike-share systems deserve recognition as a legitimate mode of public transportation; and
11. Directing public investments to a regional bike-share system would provide significant and measurable returns for Metro Vancouver residents ([Urban Mobility](#), 2025).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to develop and report back, during Q1 of 2027, on a Vancouver Bike Share Growth Strategy which includes proposed targets and timelines and funding required for extending the capacity and geographic reach of bike share within the City to benefit all residents.
- B. THAT Council request the Mayor write to the BC Minister of Transportation and Transit, the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, the Chair of the Metro Vancouver Regional District and TransLink to strongly advocate for TransLink to lead and fund a coordinated regional bike-share system.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT A and B be deleted and substituted with the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council affirm its support for bike-sharing as an essential component of a comprehensive and well-integrated regional transportation and mobility system, and request that the Mayor write to

TransLink, with copies to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and the BC Minister of Transportation and Transit, advocating that TransLink explore opportunities to develop and deliver an integrated regional bike-share system to improve first- and last-mile connections to transit and expand affordable mobility options across Metro Vancouver;

FURTHER THAT Council's advocacy highlight potential opportunities for regional coordination, including integration with the regional transit system, fare or pass integration, coordinated planning of shared mobility networks, and equitable access across municipalities in the region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11471)

The amendment having carried unanimously, by consensus the motion as amended was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

1. Shared active-transportation services, including bike-share systems, contribute to cleaner air, improved public health outcomes, quieter neighbourhoods, and reduced traffic congestion, while providing residents with efficient and affordable mobility options (Urban Mobility, 2025);
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council affirm its support for bike-sharing as an essential component of a comprehensive and well-integrated regional transportation and mobility system, and request that the Mayor write to TransLink, with copies to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and the BC Minister of Transportation and Transit, advocating that TransLink explore opportunities to develop and deliver an integrated regional bike-share system to improve first- and last-mile connections to transit and expand affordable mobility options across Metro Vancouver;

FURTHER THAT Council's advocacy highlight potential opportunities for regional coordination, including integration with the regional transit system, fare or pass integration, coordinated planning of shared mobility networks, and equitable access across municipalities in the region.

The Committee adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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

MARCH 11, 2026

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 12:10 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 Lisa Dominato
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Lucy Maloney
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Sean Orr
Councillor Lenny Zhou

ABSENT: Councillor Brian Montague (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lesley Matthews, Acting Deputy City Clerk
Alyse Stewart, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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. Housing and Homelessness Services 2026 Grants: Renter Services Grants
2. Chinatown Strategic Priority Grants

Council Members' Motions:

1. A One-Time Extraordinary Grant for Granville Street Activation During FIFA World Cup 2026
2. Advancing the Right to Food and Public Food Infrastructure
3. Cheap, Easy and Everywhere: Unlocking the full potential of shared mobility to reduce traffic congestion across Metro Vancouver

Reports 1 to 2 and Council Members' Motions 1 to 3.

MOVED by Councillor Dominato
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of March 11, 2026, as contained in Report 1 to 2, and Council Members' Motions 1 to 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND REPORTS 1 & 2,
AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION 1
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

URGENT BUSINESS

MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT Mayor Sim be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on March 11, 2026, from 1 pm onwards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Orr
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT Councillor Orr be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on March 11, 2026, from 1 pm onwards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Zhou
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT Council enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 1 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11473)

1. A By-law to amend the Street Vending By-law No. 10868 Regarding the 2026 Granville Street Pilot Area (By-law No. 14646)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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