



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

### STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

APRIL 22, 2026

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 9:32 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*.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Lenny Zhou, Chair Councillor Mike Klassen, Vice Chair* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 5:30 pm onwards) Councillor Rebecca Bligh Councillor Lisa Dominato* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 9:30 am to 10 pm) Councillor Pete Fry* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – 9:30 am to 10 pm) Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung* Councillor Lucy Maloney Councillor Brian Montague Councillor Sean Orr* Mayor Ken Sim* (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons – 9:30 am to 10 pm)
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councillor Peter Meiszner (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)
<b>CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:</b>	Donny van Dyk, City Manager Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager
<b>CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:</b>	Lesley Matthews, Acting Deputy City Clerk Sonia Lotay, 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 Klassen

THAT the Committee adopt Reports 1, 4 and 6 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND REPORT 6 A to E  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

## **REPORTS**

### **1. 2025 Statement of Financial Information February 12, 2026**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the 2025 Statement of Financial Information for filing with the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs pursuant to the Financial Information Act.
- B. THAT Council receive for information the portion of the 2025 Statement of Financial Information which represents the report of the City's auditors on the 2025 financial statements of the City pursuant to Section 231 of the *Vancouver Charter*.
- C. THAT Council receive for consideration the portion of the 2025 Statement of Financial Information as it pertains to the remuneration and expenses of Council members pursuant to Section 196A of the *Vancouver Charter*.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 11560)  
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

### **2. Gastown Public Spaces Plan March 26, 2025**

At 10:06 a.m., following the staff presentation, Councillor Orr returned to the meeting and declared a conflict of interest on Item 2, citing his family's ownership of property in Gastown. Councillor Orr had previously left the meeting at 9:36 a.m., and remained absent due to conflict of interest until the completion of Item 2 at 11:18 a.m.

Staff from Engineering Services, along with the Principal of Hapa Collaborative provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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*During questions to staff, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Maloney*  
*SECONDED by Councillor Klassen*

*THAT under section 5.4(e) of the Procedure By-law, Council be permitted to ask a second round of questions to staff.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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

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

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the Gastown Public Spaces Plan, a holistic vision and framework to guide investment in Gastown, generally as outlined in the Report dated March 26, 2025, entitled “Gastown Public Spaces Plan” and presented in Appendix A of the same report.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to advance design for Maple Tree Square in alignment with the Plan and neighbourhood context, including partnerships with local Nations, engagement with the Gastown Business Improvement Society and the public, and implementation planning.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to proceed with actions as outlined in the Report dated March 26, 2025, entitled “Gastown Public Spaces Plan,” including:
  - i. Improvements to the interim design on Water Street;
  - ii. Continued support and regularization of Sunday pedestrian zones on Water Street; and
  - iii. Technical work and engagement on the potential extension of two-way vehicle traffic on Cordova Street east to Powell Street Overpass.

*AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung*  
*SECONDED by Councillor Dominato*

THAT the following be added as D:

- D. THAT Council direct staff to include residents, including organizations such as the Gastown Residents Association by way of example, in ongoing consultation initiatives related to Gastown investments and improvements.

CARRIED (Vote No. 11542)  
(Councillor Maloney opposed)  
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

(Councillor Orr ineligible to vote due to conflict of interest)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11543), with Councillor Fry absent for the vote, and Councillor Orr ineligible to vote due to conflict of interest.

### **FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED**

- A. THAT Council approve the Gastown Public Spaces Plan, a holistic vision and framework to guide investment in Gastown, generally as outlined in the Report dated March 26, 2025, entitled “Gastown Public Spaces Plan” and presented in Appendix A of the same report.
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  - iii. Technical work and engagement on the potential extension of two-way vehicle traffic on Cordova Street east to Powell Street Overpass.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to include residents, including organizations such as the Gastown Residents Association by way of example, in ongoing consultation initiatives related to Gastown investments and improvements.

### **3. Annual Procurement Report 2025 March 24, 2026**

Staff from Finance and Supply Chain Management responded to questions.

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council receive the Report dated March 24, 2026, entitled “Annual Procurement Report 2025,” for information.

This item was for information only and no decision was considered or required per section 5.16 of the *Procedure By-law*.

### **4. Contract Award for Supply and Delivery of Enclosed Trailers March 24, 2026**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement for the Supply and Delivery of Enclosed Trailers with Intercontinental Truck Body (BC) Inc. for an estimated contract value of \$6,000,000 over the initial five-year term. The Agreement includes the City's option to extend for up to two additional two-year terms, for a maximum total term of nine years and an estimated total potential value of \$11,000,000, funded from Engineering Services' current and future operating budget for the Fleet Replacement program.
- 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 Engineering Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 11561)  
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

**5. Electric Passenger Ferry Service – Harbour Green Dock  
April 1, 2026**

Staff from Engineering Services provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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*During questions to staff, it was*

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

*THAT under section 5.4(e) of the Procedure By-law, Council be permitted to ask a second round of questions to staff.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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The Committee heard from three speakers in support and one speaker in opposition of the report recommendations.

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*The Committee recessed at 11:59 am and reconvened at 1:04 pm.*

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

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize staff to negotiate the terms of a license and operating agreement with CIRQL Ferries Incorporated (“CIRQL Ferries”) for the operation of an electric passenger ferry service from Harbour Green Dock generally as described in the Report dated April 1, 2026, entitled “Electric Passenger Ferry Service – Harbour Green Dock”, (the “Agreement”), including conditions governing the use of space within dedicated or established City road parcels including Harbour Green Dock and Park.
- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the General Manager of Engineering Services, the Chief Procurement Officer and the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Park Boards’ General Manager.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT B be deleted and replaced with the following:

THAT Council direct staff to bring back the proposed terms and lease for an Electric Passenger Ferry Service at Harbour Green Dock to Council for approval.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato  
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT B be amended as follows:

- The words “by June 30, 2026” be added at the end.

LOST (Vote No. 11544)  
(Councillors Bligh, Fry, Montague, Orr and Maloney opposed)

The amendment to the amendment having lost, the amendment was put and LOST (Vote No. 11545) with Councillors Bligh, Fry, Montague, Orr and Maloney opposed. The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 11546) with Councillor Kirby-Yung opposed.

#### **FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED**

- A. THAT Council authorize staff to negotiate the terms of a license and operating agreement with CIRQL Ferries Incorporated (“CIRQL Ferries”) for the operation of an electric passenger ferry service from Harbour Green Dock generally as described in the Report dated April 1, 2026, entitled “Electric Passenger Ferry Service – Harbour Green Dock”, (the “Agreement”), including conditions governing the use of space within dedicated or established City road parcels including Harbour Green Dock and Park.

- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the General Manager of Engineering Services, the Chief Procurement Officer and the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Park Boards' General Manager.

**6. Social Policy Lease Extension and Grant Approvals  
March 17, 2026**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve a five-year extension of the licence agreement dated April 7, 2020 (as modified) (the "Sole Food Licence") between the City and Cultivate Canada Society (dba Sole Food Street Farms) ("Sole Food") for portions of City-owned property located at 215 West 1st Avenue and 1850 Spyglass Place (collectively, the "Sole Food Street Farm") as well as an in-kind grant of up to \$3,050,000 for such five-year extension, representing the value of rent required to be paid for the extended term pursuant to City policy for Property Endowment Fund lands. This in-kind grant will be subject to the Director of Real Estate Services negotiating and executing a five-year extension (subject to a 12-month termination clause, exercisable any time after December 31, 2027) of the Sole Food Licence, valued at \$610,000 each year, from November 1, 2026, to October 31, 2031.
- B. THAT Council approve a one-time grant of \$138,000 from the 2026 Childcare Start-Up Grants operating budget for operational costs for the Little Mountain Neighbourhood House childcare facility located at 155 E 36th Avenue.
- C. THAT Council approve one Reframing South Vancouver grant totaling \$50,000 from the 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the organizations listed in Appendix A of the Report dated March 17, 2026, entitled "Social Policy Lease Extension and Grant Approvals", for the amounts recommended in the "2026 Recommend" column to support the work described in Appendix A of the same report.
- D. THAT Council approve two one-time funding grants totaling \$28,626, to the organizations listed in Appendix B of the Report dated March 17, 2026, entitled "Social Policy Lease Extension and Grant Approvals", from the 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating budget.
- E. THAT Council approve an in-kind grant of up to \$173,250 to Lookout Housing and Health Society ("Lookout") which represents the difference between market rent and the proposed nominal rent under a new lease of portions of a City-owned property located at 1660 E Hastings for no longer than three (3) years for operation as a shelter with up to 70 beds, for people experiencing homelessness, subject to Lookout entering into an operating agreement with British Columbia Housing Management Commission ("BC Housing").
- F. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization listed in A to E above of the Report dated March 17, 2026, entitled "Social Policy Lease Extension and Grant Approvals", that is not

otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency to be contributing to the health and welfare of the City.

- G. THAT Council delegate its authority to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services to negotiate and execute agreements to disburse the grants described in A to E above on the terms and conditions set out herein or such other terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services.
- H. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of the above clauses unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT and A to E  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 11562)  
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

#### **1. Restoring Lifeguard Services at Key Vancouver Beaches**

The Committee heard from 32 speakers in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Fry  
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

#### WHEREAS

1. Access to safe, supervised beaches is a core public service that supports recreation, public health, and community well-being for residents and visitors throughout the summer months;
2. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has historically provided seasonal lifeguard services at high-use locations including Spanish Banks East and West, Sunset Beach, and Third Beach;
3. These beaches are among the most heavily visited waterfront destinations in Vancouver and play a significant role in supporting tourism, local businesses, and outdoor activity;
4. It has been reported that the cost to restore seasonal lifeguard services at these locations is approximately \$600,000, representing a modest investment relative to the scale of public use and safety benefit;
5. Vancouver City Council has adopted a "Zero Means Zero" budget framework, which has been described as maintaining funding for core services; and

6. Seasonal lifeguard coverage is a frontline public safety service that aligns with the definition of a core service and is essential to ensuring safe access to Vancouver's beaches.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to allocate up to \$600,000 within the 2026 operating budget, contingency, or appropriate reserves to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation in order to restore seasonal lifeguard services at Spanish Banks East, Spanish Banks West, Sunset Beach, and Third Beach for the 2026 summer season.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back with implementation timelines and necessary approval to ensure lifeguard services are in place for the start of the 2026 beach season.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Klassen  
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT Council refer the motion entitled "Restoring Lifeguard Services at Key Vancouver Beaches" to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation for information, in recognition of the Board's authority to manage the City's parks and beaches, including decisions related to staffing levels and resource allocation.

CARRIED (Vote No. 11547)  
(Councillors Bligh, Fry, Orr and Maloney opposed)

At 3:03 pm, during discussion on the referral above, Councillor Orr rose on a point of order pursuant to Sections 8.7(e) and 8.7(f) of the *Procedure By-law* questioning whether the referral motion was out of order given that it had been referred to the City by the Vancouver Park Board and that Council holds responsibility for funding decisions. The Chair then called a recess to confer with staff if the motion was out of order.

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*The Committee recessed at 3:04 pm and reconvened at 3:08 pm.*

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Following the recess, the Chair ruled that the referral motion was in order, noting that the original motion had been submitted by Councillor Fry and had not been referred to the City by the Vancouver Park Board. Councillor Orr then requested a ruling under Section 8.7(f) of the *Procedure By-law*. The Chair then called a recess to confer with staff on the point of order.

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*The Committee recessed at 3:10 pm and reconvened at 3:18 pm.*

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Following the recess, the Chair ruled that the referral motion was in order, determining that Section 8.7(f) of the *Procedure By-law* did not apply, as the motion was neither dilatory nor frivolous.

### **FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED**

THAT Council refer the motion entitled “Restoring Lifeguard Services at Key Vancouver Beaches” to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation for information, in recognition of the Board’s authority to manage the City’s parks and beaches, including decisions related to staffing levels and resource allocation.

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*Prior to the start of Motion 2, Chair Zhou ceded the Chair to Vice-Chair Klassen in order to introduce the motion and participate in debate.*

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## **2. Holodomor Memorial Statue: Honouring Ukrainian-Canadians**

The Committee heard from eight speakers in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Zhou

SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

### WHEREAS

1. The Holodomor was a man-made famine in Soviet Ukraine from 1932 to 1933 that resulted in the deaths of an estimated 3.3 to 5 million Ukrainians and is recognized by Canada as genocide against the Ukrainian people;
2. The term “Holodomor” means death by starvation and is derived from the Ukrainian words “holod,” meaning hunger or famine, and “moryty,” meaning to inflict suffering or to kill;
3. In 2008, the Government of Canada formally recognized the Holodomor as genocide against the Ukrainian people and established the fourth Saturday of November as National Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day through *the Holodomor Memorial Day Act*;
4. In October 2019, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia adopted Bill M225, *the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act*, establishing the fourth Saturday in November as Ukrainian Famine and Genocide

(Holodomor) Memorial Day throughout British Columbia;

5. The Holodomor remains a central part of Ukrainian historical memory and is increasingly included in Canadian school curricula as part of history, human rights, and genocide education;
6. The City of Vancouver has a longstanding sister-city relationship with the City of Odesa, Ukraine, established in 1944 at the end of the Second World War – the first of Vancouver’s five sister-cities;
7. The Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Vancouver Branch has requested that the City of Vancouver consider accepting the gift of a bronze statue titled “*Bitter Memories of Childhood*,” created by artist Petro Drozdowsky, which depicts a young girl holding five stalks of wheat as a symbolic reference to the 1932 Soviet “Law of Five Ears of Grain” and commemorates the millions of victims of the Holodomor, including children;
8. The statue is approximately 1.5 metres (5 feet) in height and weighs approximately 50 kilograms (110 pounds) and is currently held in storage by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Vancouver Branch;
9. The Vancouver City Hall campus is a suitable potential location for the statue in honour of the City’s longstanding sister-city relationship with Odesa and the people of Ukraine;
10. Public Holodomor monuments exist in numerous cities across Canada, including Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, and Regina, as well as in many countries around the world; and
11. Holodomor monuments serve as places of public remembrance, reflection, and education.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support, in principle, the acceptance and installation of the Holodomor memorial statue “*Bitter Memories of Childhood*” as a public memorial and educational feature in the City of Vancouver, subject to required approvals, policies, and agreements;

FURTHER THAT Council direct the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services, in collaboration with the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Vancouver Park Board (as applicable), to work with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Vancouver Branch to facilitate the potential acceptance and installation of the statue on the Vancouver City Hall campus;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back to Council on or before June 3, 2026, with recommendations related to the potential acceptance and installation of the Holodomor memorial statue, including the proposed site, permitting pathways, estimated costs, and proposed terms of agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11548)  
(Councillor Orr abstained from the vote)

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*Following the conclusion of the item, Councillor Zhou resumed as Chair.*

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**3. Back to Community: Establishing Strategic Priorities and Consolidating Council Direction for the 2027-2030 Capital Plan**

The Committee heard from 15 speakers in support, five speakers in opposition, and 15 speakers who spoke to other aspects of the motion.

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*During hearing of speakers, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Dominato  
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen*

*THAT the meeting extend past 5 pm until 6 pm to continue with the agenda.*

*CARRIED AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 11549)  
(Councillors Maloney and Orr opposed)  
(Councillor Fry and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)*

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*Council recessed at 6:00 pm and reconvened at 6:44 pm*

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At 7:08 p.m., Councillor Orr rose on a point of order, stating that the motion was out of order pursuant to Sections 8.7(a) and 8.7(b) of the *Procedure By-law*, with reference to subclause (i) regarding community centres. Councillor Orr referenced principles of rule of law, good governance, and geographic equity, and stated that the *Vancouver Charter* requires that municipal investments not be contrary to, or at variance with, the Vancouver Official Development Plan (ODP). The Chair then called a recess to confer with staff on the point of order.

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*The Committee recessed at 7:09 pm and reconvened at 7:15 pm.*

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Following the recess, the Chair ruled that the motion was in order, noting that the Vancouver ODP serves as a guiding policy framework and includes multiple equity considerations. The Chair further stated that the motion does not reference the ODP, and that the City retains authority to renew and invest in existing facilities. The Chair also noted that the motion did not raise an issue of good governance requiring immediate concern.

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver's four-year Capital Plan is one of the most important decisions made by Council, determining how billions of dollars in public investment will shape the city's infrastructure, public spaces, and quality of life for years to come;
2. For too long, critical investments in core infrastructure and community facilities have not kept pace with the needs of a growing city, contributing to mounting infrastructure pressures and service gaps now facing residents;
3. The City of Vancouver manages a vast portfolio of public assets, including roads, sidewalks, utilities, civic buildings, parks, and community facilities, many of which are aging and require significant reinvestment;
4. The consequences of delayed or insufficient investment are increasingly visible, including deteriorating infrastructure, growing maintenance backlogs, and community facilities that are no longer able to meet demand;
5. Vancouver is not alone in facing these challenges, as cities across North America contend with aging infrastructure, rising construction costs, and increasing expectations for public services. As such, the need for disciplined prioritization has never been more urgent;
6. Nowhere is this more evident than in recreation infrastructure, where many of Vancouver's community centres and aquatic facilities are aging, undersized, and struggling to keep pace with population growth and evolving community needs;
7. This gap is underscored by the fact that the last newly built full-service indoor public pool was completed in 2011, and that the number of net new ice rinks in Vancouver has not increased since 1976;
8. At the same time, other municipalities have moved forward with bold, modern, high-capacity, multi-use recreation facilities that deliver better service, improved accessibility, and long-term operational efficiency, highlighting the opportunity for Vancouver to do the same;
9. In contrast to past underinvestment, this Council has taken meaningful steps to change course, including establishing the 1% Infrastructure Renewal Fund to provide a dedicated, ongoing funding stream to address infrastructure deficits

and support long-term asset renewal;

10. Council has further reinforced this shift through specific policy direction, including:
  - approval of the 2023–2026 Capital Plan Mid-Term Update (July 23, 2024), including direction to consider funding for the renewal and expansion of the Firehall Theatre;
  - adoption of the motion “*Prioritizing the Completion and Delivery of Community Facilities and Infrastructure in the 2027–2030 Capital Plan*” (September 17, 2025) affirming that capital investments should prioritize deliverability within the capital planning timeframe;
  - adoption of the motion “*Accelerating the Turf Field Upgrade at Beaconsfield Park for Inclusion in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan*” (September 17, 2025);
  - planning already underway for:
    - a full Kits Pool replacement;
    - a new Britannia aquatic and community centre and ice rink facility;<sup>1</sup>
  - approval of a motion (February 24, 2026) directing staff to allocate \$104 million to significantly increase investment in road and sidewalk rehabilitation to address growing infrastructure maintenance needs;
11. Collectively, these decisions represent a clear and deliberate shift toward prioritizing core infrastructure renewal, deliverability, and strategic investment in community-serving assets;
12. At the same time, there remains a need to bring greater clarity and cohesion to these directions, ensuring that they are consistently applied in the development of the next Capital Plan;
13. The 2027–2030 Capital Plan presents a critical opportunity not only to address infrastructure deficits, but to take a more ambitious and forward-looking approach to city-building – moving from a “back to basics budget” to a “back to basics organization”;
14. This includes moving beyond incremental upgrades toward the development of next-generation, integrated, multi-use community facilities and infrastructure that can serve broader populations and deliver enhanced public value;

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<sup>1</sup> Britannia Community Centre is a uniquely complex, multi-partner civic campus (delivered in partnership with the City, Park Board, and School Board) serving a diverse East Vancouver community, including a significant Urban Indigenous population, and comprises multiple aging, interdependent facilities, many beyond their service life, requiring a carefully coordinated, phased renewal to maintain uninterrupted services while addressing long-standing inequities and disparities in access to high-quality community amenities.

15. Council's role in the capital planning process is to set a clear and disciplined strategic direction for investments, while staff are responsible for developing a detailed, deliverable, and financially sustainable plan aligned with Council direction;
16. Establishing clear priorities at the outset of the capital planning process will strengthen transparency, improve accountability, and ensure alignment between Council's objectives and staff recommendations;
17. Consolidating Council's previously adopted directions into a coherent framework at this juncture will provide clarity to staff, confidence to the public, and bring focus to the capital planning process and ensures that the proposed Capital Plan reflects Council's priorities and long-term vision; and
18. The final Capital Plan will remain subject to Council's review, refinement, and approval following analysis and public engagement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff, in preparing the proposed 2027–2030 Capital Plan, to align the draft plan with Council's previously adopted directions and the following priorities and strategic investments capable of proceeding to construction within the four-year capital plan period:

- i. Modernized Recreation for a Growing City – as part of a long range, multi-decade program to advance the complete renewal, replacement, and expansion of the city's aging recreation facilities and community centres to address capacity constraints, accessibility issues, and generally to meet the needs of the city's growing population, allocating \$400 million in the 2027–2030 Capital Plan, over-and-above funds already allocated, for the large-scale renewal and/or complete replacement of the first five community centres identified as priorities by staff on the basis of usage and condition, namely:

- Dunbar Community Centre;
- Kerrisdale Community Centre;
- Hastings Community Centre;
- Roundhouse Community Centre;
- Kensington Community Centre;

And also advancing the renewal and redevelopment of the City-owned facilities at Britannia Community Centre, including exploration of alternative funding and delivery models.

- ii. Fix and Protect Core Infrastructure – renewal and maintenance of essential infrastructure and public assets, including roads, sidewalks, utilities, and civic facilities, and prioritizing high-value investments that can be delivered within the capital planning timeframe, including priority investments in public realm, park, and civic asset renewal projects such as:

- 25 metre pool at Sunset Park;
- Gastown public space improvements;

- renewal and upgrade of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden pond;
  - washroom upgrades at Kitsilano Beach and Second Beach;
  - Burrard View Park spray park upgrade;
  - Beaconsfield Park turf field upgrade;
- iii. Future Planning – early-phase and/or planning-level investments that can be strategically advanced to support and accelerate future capital delivery, including:
- \$100K to undertake the feasibility and planning for a Vietnamese Cultural Centre;
  - exploring sites and funding arrangements for a new 50 metre competition pool;
  - advancing projects identified through prior Council direction focused on cultural infrastructure renewal;
  - advancing a long-term action plan to address roads and sidewalks built over unstable peat substrate; and
  - exploring opportunities to replace or co-locate a new Collingwood Branch library.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Bligh  
SECONDED by Councillor Orr

THAT the motion be deleted and replaced with the following referral motion:

- A. THAT Council refer the recreation infrastructure priorities outlined in the motion titled “Back to Community: Establishing Strategic Priorities and Consolidating Council Direction for the 2027–2030 Capital Plan”, to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation for consideration as part of its capital planning process.
- B. THAT Council request that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation report back to Council, in advance of the draft 2027–2030 Capital Plan, with:
- An assessment of the condition, capacity, and service gaps across community centres, aquatic facilities, and ice rinks;
  - Recommended priority projects for renewal, replacement, or expansion, including facilities identified in the above-noted motion;
  - Preliminary cost estimates, phasing, and delivery timelines for priority projects;
  - Opportunities to advance modern, integrated, multi-use recreation facilities; and
  - Consideration of potential funding strategies and partnerships, including options that maintain public ownership and accessibility.
- C. THAT Council request that this work be coordinated with City staff to ensure alignment with broader infrastructure priorities, financial planning, and capital plan development.

LOST (Vote No. 11550)

(Councillors Dominato Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Montague, Zhou, and Mayor Sim opposed)  
(Councillor Fry absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Maloney  
SECONDED by Councillor Orr

THAT subclause i be amended as follows:

- In the first paragraph delete the words and bullet points after the word “facilities”, and replace with the following:

“including community centres and other assets such as Vancouver’s Neighbourhood Houses, Family Centres and non-community centre recreational amenities:

- to plan for the funding of the most urgent renewals prioritized based on criteria in the Community Centre Strategy, and applied through a clear, publicly accessible evaluation framework, addressing capacity constraints, accessibility issues, seismic risks, environmental performance, and generally to meet the needs of the city’s growing population;
  - to fund maintenance at all other community centres; and
  - to plan for additional renewals next capital plan.”
- In the last paragraph to add the following words “that protect public access to public land and facilities”, at the end;

FURTHER THAT subclause ii be amended as follows:

- The words “and sidewalks” be deleted and replaced with the words “sidewalks renewal and maintenance aligned with the City’s Vision Zero Policy”;
- In the first bullet point, the words “and other aquatic facilities, including the replacement of the Kitsilano Pool, planning for a new 50m pool in South Vancouver, and replacing concrete pools with recirculating spray parks,” be added at the end;
- In the third bullet point, the words “renewal and upgrade of”, be deleted and replaced with the words “advancing projects identified through prior Council direction focused on cultural infrastructure establishment and renewal, such as” be inserted before the in the third bullet point”;
- In the third bullet point, the words “and planning for a Vietnamese Cultural Centre,” be added at the end;
- The fourth bullet point be deleted and replaced with the following:

“new and renewed public washrooms, including as part of implementation of the Park Washroom Strategy;”

- The fifth and sixth bullet points be deleted;

FURTHER THAT subclause iii be amended as follows:

- The first three bullet points be deleted;
- In the fifth bullet point, the words “as well as new and existing arts and culture performance spaces,” be added at the end;
- The following be added as an additional bullet point

“advancing measures to ensure that South Vancouver is equitably represented in funding allocations, particularly for future transportation and active transportation infrastructure improvements and public realm improvements such as parks, public plazas and cooling spaces”

AND FURTHER THAT the following be added as an additional clause:

“FURTHER THAT staff report back on the capital and operating cost implications, funding sources, and long-term financial impacts of any proposed priorities prior to Council approval, and specifically how much money is available to fund the 2027-2030 Capital Plan.”

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MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT, under section 11.5 of the *Procedure By-law*, Committee call for the vote on the amendment.

CARRIED  
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 11552)  
(Councillors Bligh, Orr and Maloney opposed)  
(Councillor Fry absent for the vote)

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The vote to call for the vote having carried, the amendment was put and LOST (Vote No. 11551) with Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed and Councillor Fry absent for the vote.

The amendments having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11553) with Councillors Bligh, Maloney and Orr abstaining from the vote and Councillor Fry absent for the vote.

**FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED**

## WHEREAS

1. Vancouver's four-year Capital Plan is one of the most important decisions made by Council, determining how billions of dollars in public investment will shape the city's infrastructure, public spaces, and quality of life for years to come;
2. For too long, critical investments in core infrastructure and community facilities have not kept pace with the needs of a growing city, contributing to mounting infrastructure pressures and service gaps now facing residents;
3. The City of Vancouver manages a vast portfolio of public assets, including roads, sidewalks, utilities, civic buildings, parks, and community facilities, many of which are aging and require significant reinvestment;
4. The consequences of delayed or insufficient investment are increasingly visible, including deteriorating infrastructure, growing maintenance backlogs, and community facilities that are no longer able to meet demand;
5. Vancouver is not alone in facing these challenges, as cities across North America contend with aging infrastructure, rising construction costs, and increasing expectations for public services. As such, the need for disciplined prioritization has never been more urgent;
6. Nowhere is this more evident than in recreation infrastructure, where many of Vancouver's community centres and aquatic facilities are aging, undersized, and struggling to keep pace with population growth and evolving community needs;
7. This gap is underscored by the fact that the last newly built full-service indoor public pool was completed in 2011, and that the number of net new ice rinks in Vancouver has not increased since 1976;
8. At the same time, other municipalities have moved forward with bold, modern, high-capacity, multi-use recreation facilities that deliver better service, improved accessibility, and long-term operational efficiency, highlighting the opportunity for Vancouver to do the same;
9. In contrast to past underinvestment, this Council has taken meaningful steps to change course, including establishing the 1% Infrastructure Renewal Fund to provide a dedicated, ongoing funding stream to address infrastructure deficits and support long-term asset renewal;
10. Council has further reinforced this shift through specific policy direction, including:
  - approval of the 2023–2026 Capital Plan Mid-Term Update (July 23, 2024), including direction to consider funding for the renewal and expansion of the Firehall Theatre;
  - adoption of the motion "*Prioritizing the Completion and Delivery of Community Facilities and Infrastructure in the 2027–2030 Capital Plan*"

- (September 17, 2025) affirming that capital investments should prioritize deliverability within the capital planning timeframe;
- adoption of the motion “*Accelerating the Turf Field Upgrade at Beaconsfield Park for Inclusion in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan*” (September 17, 2025);
  - planning already underway for:
    - a full Kits Pool replacement;
    - a new Britannia aquatic and community centre and ice rink facility;<sup>2</sup>
  - approval of a motion (February 24, 2026) directing staff to allocate \$104 million to significantly increase investment in road and sidewalk rehabilitation to address growing infrastructure maintenance needs;
11. Collectively, these decisions represent a clear and deliberate shift toward prioritizing core infrastructure renewal, deliverability, and strategic investment in community-serving assets;
  12. At the same time, there remains a need to bring greater clarity and cohesion to these directions, ensuring that they are consistently applied in the development of the next Capital Plan;
  13. The 2027–2030 Capital Plan presents a critical opportunity not only to address infrastructure deficits, but to take a more ambitious and forward-looking approach to city-building – moving from a “back to basics budget” to a “back to basics organization”;
  14. This includes moving beyond incremental upgrades toward the development of next-generation, integrated, multi-use community facilities and infrastructure that can serve broader populations and deliver enhanced public value;
  15. Council’s role in the capital planning process is to set a clear and disciplined strategic direction for investments, while staff are responsible for developing a detailed, deliverable, and financially sustainable plan aligned with Council direction;
  16. Establishing clear priorities at the outset of the capital planning process will strengthen transparency, improve accountability, and ensure alignment between Council’s objectives and staff recommendations;
  17. Consolidating Council’s previously adopted directions into a coherent framework at this juncture will provide clarity to staff, confidence to the public, and bring

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<sup>2</sup> Britannia Community Centre is a uniquely complex, multi-partner civic campus (delivered in partnership with the City, Park Board, and School Board) serving a diverse East Vancouver community, including a significant Urban Indigenous population, and comprises multiple aging, interdependent facilities, many beyond their service life, requiring a carefully coordinated, phased renewal to maintain uninterrupted services while addressing long-standing inequities and disparities in access to high-quality community amenities.

focus to the capital planning process and ensures that the proposed Capital Plan reflects Council's priorities and long-term vision; and

18. The final Capital Plan will remain subject to Council's review, refinement, and approval following analysis and public engagement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff, in preparing the proposed 2027–2030 Capital Plan, to align the draft plan with Council's previously adopted directions and the following priorities and strategic investments capable of proceeding to construction within the four-year capital plan period:

- i. Modernized Recreation for a Growing City – as part of a long range, multi-decade program to advance the complete renewal, replacement, and expansion of the city's aging recreation facilities and community centres to address capacity constraints, accessibility issues, and generally to meet the needs of the city's growing population, allocating \$400 million in the 2027–2030 Capital Plan, over-and-above funds already allocated, for the large-scale renewal and/or complete replacement of the first five community centres identified as priorities by staff on the basis of usage and condition, namely:

- Dunbar Community Centre;
- Kerrisdale Community Centre;
- Hastings Community Centre;
- Roundhouse Community Centre;
- Kensington Community Centre;

And also advancing the renewal and redevelopment of the City-owned facilities at Britannia Community Centre, including exploration of alternative funding and delivery models.

- ii. Fix and Protect Core Infrastructure – renewal and maintenance of essential infrastructure and public assets, including roads, sidewalks, utilities, and civic facilities, and prioritizing high-value investments that can be delivered within the capital planning timeframe, including priority investments in public realm, park, and civic asset renewal projects such as:

- 25 metre pool at Sunset Park;
- Gastown public space improvements;
- renewal and upgrade of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden pond;
- washroom upgrades at Kitsilano Beach and Second Beach;
- Burrard View Park spray park upgrade;
- Beaconsfield Park turf field upgrade;

- iii. Future Planning – early-phase and/or planning-level investments that can be strategically advanced to support and accelerate future capital delivery, including:

- \$100K to undertake the feasibility and planning for a Vietnamese Cultural Centre;

- exploring sites and funding arrangements for a new 50 metre competition pool;
- advancing projects identified through prior Council direction focused on cultural infrastructure renewal;
- advancing a long-term action plan to address roads and sidewalks built over unstable peat substrate; and
- exploring opportunities to replace or co-locate a new Collingwood Branch library.

**4. Renewal of British Columbia Board Position with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**

MOVED by Councillor Dominato

SECONDED by Councillor Orr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of member municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;
2. FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the united voice required to carry the municipal message to the federal government;
3. FCM has recently changed its by-laws moving to staggered two-year terms for its Board of Directors starting with British Columbia, Ontario and the Atlantic region;
4. Councillor Dominato is currently serving a two-year term (2025-2027) as one of British Columbia's directors, representing the three largest Metro Vancouver municipalities (Vancouver, Surrey, Burnaby);
5. Councillor Bligh has served as an Officer on the FCM Board of Director for the past 4 years, most recently as President from 2025 to 2026;
6. Pursuant to FCM by-laws, the Immediate Past President shall be appointed as a Director by the Board and be an officer of the Federation; and
7. FCM's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference and Trade Show, from June 4 to June 7, 2026, followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Vancouver endorse Councillor Lisa Dominato to complete the two-year term ending in June 2027;

FURTHER THAT the Council of the City of Vancouver endorse Councillor Rebecca Bligh to serve in the role of Immediate Past President on FCM's Board of Directors, for the period starting in June 2026 and ending June 2027;

AND FURTHER THAT Council assumes all costs associated with Councillor Dominato and Councillor Bligh attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11554)  
(Councillor Fry absent for the vote)

## **5. Enabling a Process for a Major Sports Initiative in Vancouver**

The Committee heard from six speakers in support, one speaker in opposition of the motion.

MOVED by Mayor Sim  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

### WHEREAS

1. Vancouver is home to a thriving, multicultural, and deeply engaged sports community, with strong attendance and support for professional teams in the NHL, PWHL, MLS, NSL, and CFL, among others;
2. Vancouver residents consistently demonstrate significant support for baseball at both the Major League and minor league levels, including frequent travel to attend Seattle Mariners games, particularly when the Toronto Blue Jays are visiting;
3. The High-A Vancouver Canadians enjoy consistent and enthusiastic local support at Rogers Field at Nat Bailey Stadium, reflecting the strength of the region's baseball culture;
4. Vancouver has a demonstrated capacity to support major North American professional sports franchises, in the sustained strong fan bases for the Vancouver Canucks and Vancouver Whitecaps FC;
5. In anticipation of Major League Baseball (MLB) opening up a formal expansion process, a proponent group has signalled interest in exploring a bid for Vancouver;
6. The last MLB expansion took place in 1993, with 2 additional teams joining the league for a total of 30 teams, and it is anticipated amongst the baseball community that the MLB intends to expand to 32 teams in the coming years under the current commissioner's tenure, including adding a franchise in the west;

7. Vancouver has sought an MLB team in Canada since the 1980s, and was specifically mentioned by the MLB Commissioner as a possible expansion team location in 2018;
8. In a 2025 interview on Sportsnet prior to the World Series, the MLB Commissioner stated that "another city in Canada clearly could work for us" in response to a question about adding a team in Vancouver, and said that "I think Vancouver's a great city," when discussing the incredible support for the Blue Jays he experienced in Western Canada; and
9. Given the magnitude of the opportunity, undertaking, an open, transparent, and competitive Expression of Interest (EOI) process is the appropriate mechanism to identify and evaluate any prospective proponent group and associated development concept.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Mayor and Council affirm the City's interest in establishing a Major League Baseball (MLB) team in Vancouver.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to immediately initiate an open and competitive Expression of Interest (EOI) process to identify a qualified proponent and potential ownership group interested in pursuing a Major League Baseball expansion franchise in Vancouver;

FURTHER THAT the process requires proponents to:

- Demonstrate financial capacity, expertise, experience, and a feasible approach and governance structure sufficient to support a credible proposal for an MLB expansion bid;
- Outline proposed terms of a relationship with the City of Vancouver;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council, in camera where appropriate, within 60 days of initiating the process, with:

- Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with high-level terms of the relationship and next steps.

CARRIED (Vote No. 11555)  
(Councillor Orr opposed)  
(Councillor Fry absent for the vote)

**6. No Penalties for Vehicle Shelter during FIFA**

The Committee heard from four speakers in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Orr  
SECONDED by Councillor Maloney

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver is in a housing crisis, with residents forced to shelter in vehicles as a last resort form of housing, and people who are unhoused in British Columbia have a life expectancy estimated between 40 and 49 years;
2. Vehicles provide critical shelter and stability for some residents who have no viable housing alternatives;
3. The City must manage public streets to support safety, mobility, goods movement, and emergency access;
4. Current bylaw enforcement can create financial and logistical challenges for people sheltering in vehicles who have limited alternatives;
5. Indigenous peoples are disproportionately impacted by homelessness, and enforcement on unceded territory risks perpetuating colonial harm and undermining commitments to UNDRIP (Articles 25, 26, 29);
6. Major international events require coordinated and predictable management of public space, including safety and crowd movement considerations;
7. Council has treated FIFA as a one-time extraordinary event warranting exceptional policy responses; and
8. There is an opportunity to implement targeted, time-limited measures that reduce harm while maintaining public safety and operational requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to:

1. Report back prior to FIFA with options for a targeted, time-limited approach to enforcement related to people sheltering in vehicles, including defined areas and conditions that balance safety and harm reduction;
2. Identify feasible locations for temporary safe parking pilots, including publicly owned or leased sites, with associated resource and service requirements;
3. Enhance access to basic services for people sheltering in vehicles during the FIFA period, including washrooms, water, sanitation, and waste disposal, where operationally feasible; and
4. Explore long-term options, including safe parking programs and the feasibility of an RV park or small-scale housing solutions such as at CRAB Park parking lot 5, in coordination with regional and provincial partners.

LOST (Vote No. 11556)

(Councillors Bligh, Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Montague and Zhou opposed)

(Councillor Fry and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

## **7. Recognising the International Day of Older Persons as an Official Celebration and Observance**

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Maloney

SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

### WHEREAS

1. People 65 years of age and older make up 17% of Vancouver's population, with that proportion expected to rise in the coming years ([Statistics Canada, 2021](#));
2. Raising public awareness of the vital role older residents play in our community, as consumers, employers and employees, and as leaders in the city's political, cultural, economic and spiritual life, is a key step toward a more inclusive city;
3. Vancouver City Council's [Strategic Priorities](#) 2023-2026 include ensuring Vancouver is a seniors-friendly, accessible City and Vancouver's [Older Persons Strategic Framework](#) includes the action of celebrating aging and raising awareness of issues impacting older persons by recognizing significant dates;
4. Including The International Day of Older Persons and National Seniors Day to the list of Vancouver official celebrations and observances would contribute to these objectives as an occasion to educate the public, mobilize resources and celebrate achievements;
5. October 1 has been marked as the United Nations' International Day of Older Persons since 1990, and as Canada's National Seniors Day since 2011;
6. As Canada's population ages, municipalities across the country — including Richmond, Toronto, and Ottawa — have moved to formally recognize older persons each year on October 1;
7. The City has joined the World Health Organization Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities, and recognition of days of significance is aligned with the Community and Information domain of the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Cities Framework;
8. For the last several years, the City of Vancouver has issued a proclamation recognizing both the International Day of Older Persons and National Seniors Day on October 1 however, the International Day of Older Persons is not currently an Official Celebration and Observance of the City of Vancouver; and
9. On July 19, 2024, the City of Vancouver Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee, whose mandate is to advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for older persons and elders to fully participate in City services and civic life, passed a motion recommending that Council direct staff to recognize

the International Day of Older Persons as an Official Celebration and Observance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to recognize the International Day of Older Persons as an Official Celebration and Observance of the City of Vancouver starting in 2026.
- B. THAT the City of Vancouver will acknowledge the International Day of Older Persons with a proclamation, illumination, and internal and external communications as is customary of the City's official observances.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11557)  
(Councillors Fry, Kirby-Yung and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

## **8. Reconciling Provincial Housing Funding with Mandated Housing Targets**

The Committee heard from three speakers in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Orr  
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver and local governments across British Columbia have been mandated under the *Housing Supply Act* to meet provincially imposed housing targets, including accelerating housing approvals and enabling delivery of diverse housing types to address urgent housing needs;
2. The Province of British Columbia has indefinitely paused new intakes to the *Community Housing Fund*, its primary capital program supporting the delivery of non-market and below-market rental housing in municipalities like Vancouver;
3. The pause to the *Community Housing Fund* has taken effect while hundreds of affordable housing projects are in planning or pre-development stages, leaving Vancouver (and other municipalities) and their housing partners with stranded investments, unrecoverable sunk costs, and cancelled or delayed projects;
4. Vancouver (and other municipalities) do not control housing construction timelines, financing, or market conditions, and rely on senior government capital programs to enable the delivery of non-market housing required to meet community housing needs and provincial housing targets;
5. The withdrawal or suspension of provincial housing capital funding, while maintaining mandatory housing delivery targets, creates a structural misalignment between provincial expectations and the fiscal and operational capacity of local governments; and

6. UBCM confirmed the announcement of the reallocation of funds from the Community Housing Fund on February 25, 2025, the final day for LMLGA submissions, this thus qualifies under late/urgent submission guidelines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be submitted to LMLGA as a Late/Urgent Resolution, and separately to UBCM as necessary:

Whereas under the authority of the Housing Supply Act, The Province of British Columbia has imposed mandatory housing targets on local governments to accelerate housing delivery, including affordable below-market expectations; and

Whereas In Budget 2026, the Province indefinitely paused new intakes to the Community Housing Fund, its main capital program supporting non-market and affordable rental housing delivered by local governments and non-profit housing providers, thereby stalling or cancelling projects and stranding pre-development investments; and

Whereas local governments rely on sustained capital investment from the province to deliver non-market housing, and cannot meet imposed housing targets if the supply finance chain is broken.

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to immediately reinstate the Community Housing Fund and provide predictable, ongoing capital funding to support the delivery of non-market and affordable housing;

And be it further resolved that UBCM call on the Province to align housing target orders with the availability of provincial housing funding, and to refrain from penalizing municipalities for unmet targets resulting from the withdrawal or suspension of provincial housing programs beyond municipal control.

FURTHER THAT Council direct the Mayor to write the Minister of Finance and Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, articulating specific projects at risk in the City of Vancouver and requesting the immediate reinstatement of the Community Housing Fund in order to meet community need and binding targets under the Housing Supply Act.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Klassen  
SECONDED by Councillor Orr

THAT the following be added as an additional clause to the Resolution:

“And be it further resolved that UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to work with the Government of Canada to establish the same cost-shared infrastructure and housing-enabling funding program recently introduced in Ontario that cut municipal development charges by 50% while ensuring stable funding for the infrastructure required to deliver housing at scale.”

FURTHER THAT the FURTHER THAT clause be amended by adding the words “and further requesting that the Province work with the Government of Canada to establish the same cost-shared infrastructure and housing-enabling funding program

recently introduced in Ontario that cut municipal development charges by 50% while ensuring stable funding for the infrastructure required to deliver housing at scale”, to the end.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11558)  
(Councillors Fry and Kirby-Yung, and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11559) with Councillors Fry, Kirby-Yung, and Mayor Sim absent for the vote.

### **FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED**

*Note: The motion below incorporates formatting revisions to the Resolution to ensure compliance with the submission criteria established by LMLGA and UBCM, as updated by staff to align with the final motion approved by Council.*

#### WHEREAS

1. Vancouver and local governments across British Columbia have been mandated under the *Housing Supply Act* to meet provincially imposed housing targets, including accelerating housing approvals and enabling delivery of diverse housing types to address urgent housing needs;
2. The Province of British Columbia has indefinitely paused new intakes to the *Community Housing Fund*, its primary capital program supporting the delivery of non-market and below-market rental housing in municipalities like Vancouver;
3. The pause to the *Community Housing Fund* has taken effect while hundreds of affordable housing projects are in planning or pre-development stages, leaving Vancouver (and other municipalities) and their housing partners with stranded investments, unrecoverable sunk costs, and cancelled or delayed projects;
4. Vancouver (and other municipalities) do not control housing construction timelines, financing, or market conditions, and rely on senior government capital programs to enable the delivery of non-market housing required to meet community housing needs and provincial housing targets;
5. The withdrawal or suspension of provincial housing capital funding, while maintaining mandatory housing delivery targets, creates a structural misalignment between provincial expectations and the fiscal and operational capacity of local governments; and
6. UBCM confirmed the announcement of the reallocation of funds from the Community Housing Fund on February 25, 2025, the final day for LMLGA submissions, this thus qualifies under late/urgent submission guidelines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be submitted to LMLGA as a Late/Urgent Resolution, and separately to UBCM as necessary:

Whereas under the authority of the Housing Supply Act, The Province of British Columbia has imposed mandatory housing targets on local governments to accelerate housing delivery, including affordable below-market expectations; and in Budget 2026, the Province indefinitely paused new intakes to the Community Housing Fund, its main capital program supporting non-market and affordable rental housing delivered by local governments and non-profit housing providers, thereby stalling or cancelling projects and stranding pre-development investments; and

Whereas local governments rely on sustained capital investment from the province to deliver non-market housing, and cannot meet imposed housing targets if the supply finance chain is broken.

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to immediately reinstate the Community Housing Fund and provide predictable, ongoing capital funding to support the delivery of non-market and affordable housing; and that UBCM call on the Province to align housing target orders with the availability of provincial housing funding, and to refrain from penalizing municipalities for unmet targets resulting from the withdrawal or suspension of provincial housing programs beyond municipal control.

And be it further resolved that UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to work with the Government of Canada to establish the same cost-shared infrastructure and housing-enabling funding program recently introduced in Ontario that cut municipal development charges by 50% while ensuring stable funding for the infrastructure required to deliver housing at scale.

FURTHER THAT Council direct the Mayor to write the Minister of Finance and Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, articulating specific projects at risk in the City of Vancouver and requesting the immediate reinstatement of the Community Housing Fund in order to meet community need and binding targets under the Housing Supply Act, and further requesting that the Province work with the Government of Canada to establish the same cost-shared infrastructure and housing-enabling funding program recently introduced in Ontario that cut municipal development charges by 50% while ensuring stable funding for the infrastructure required to deliver housing at scale.

The Committee adjourned at 9:29 pm.

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

**APRIL 22, 2026**

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 9:30 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:** Councillor Lenny Zhou, Chair  
Councillor Mike Klassen, Vice Chair  
Councillor Rebecca Bligh  
Councillor Lisa Dominato  
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Councillor Lucy Maloney  
Councillor Brian Montague  
Councillor Sean Orr

**ABSENT:** Mayor Ken Sim (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)  
Councillor Pete Fry (Leave of Absence – Civic Business)  
Councillor Peter Meiszner (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)

**CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE:** Donny van Dyk, City Manager

**CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:** Lesley Matthews, Acting Deputy City Clerk  
Sonia Lotay, Meeting Coordinator

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services  
Wednesday, April 22, 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. 2025 Statement of Financial Information
2. Gastown Public Spaces Plan
3. Annual Procurement Report 2025
4. Contract Award for Supply and Delivery of Enclosed Trailers
5. Electric Passenger Ferry Service – Harbour Green Dock
6. Social Policy Lease Extension and Grant Approvals

Council Members' Motions:

1. Restoring Lifeguard Services at Key Vancouver Beaches
2. Holodomor Memorial Statue: Honouring Ukrainian-Canadians
3. Back to Community: Establishing Strategic Priorities and Consolidating Council Direction for the 2027–2030 Capital
4. Renewal of British Columbia Board Position with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
5. Enabling a Process for a Major Sports Initiative in Vancouver
6. No Penalties for Vehicle Shelter During FIFA
7. Recognising the International Day of Older Persons as an Official Celebration and Observance
8. Reconciling Provincial Housing Funding with Mandated Housing Targets

Reports 1 to 6 and Council Members' Motions 1 to 8

MOVED by Councillor Dominato  
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of April 22, 2026, as contained in Reports 1 to 6, and Council Members' Motions 1 to 8, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND REPORT 6  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

### **BYLAWS**

MOVED by Councillor Dominato  
SECONDED by Councillor Maloney

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

1. Vacancy Tax By-law (By-law No. 11674)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Dominato  
SECONDED by Councillor Orr

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 9:32 pm.

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