

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

*For consideration at the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on
June 3, 2026*

4. Advancing Means Prevention Fencing on the Granville Street Bridge

Submitted by: Councillor Dominato

WHEREAS

1. The Granville Street Bridge is a known location for suicide attempts and deaths, and each loss of life has a profound impact on families, first responders, and the broader community;
2. Means prevention fencing at known high-risk locations is widely recognized as one of the most effective suicide prevention interventions, and evidence from bridge barrier installations in other jurisdictions has demonstrated significant reductions in suicide deaths;
3. The installation of suicide prevention barriers on the Burrard Bridge has resulted in no known suicide deaths from that bridge since barriers were installed in 2017;
4. In July 2024, Vancouver City Council approved \$300,000 in funding to undertake conceptual design and costing work for means prevention fencing on the Granville Street Bridge in order to better define the scope and cost of the project;
5. The City has not yet confirmed the total cost of installing means prevention fencing, and previous estimates referenced in public discussions remain preliminary and unverified; and
6. In the 2027–2030 Capital Plan update, staff recommended that no City funding be allocated for construction at this time, citing broader capital funding constraints, while continuing work to complete the conceptual design and support advocacy to senior levels of government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council reaffirm its commitment to installing means prevention infrastructure on the Granville Street Bridge as a critical public safety and suicide prevention measure.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to prioritize inclusion of means prevention infrastructure on the Granville Street Bridge within the draft 2027–2030 Capital Plan, with anticipated city and senior government partner contributions.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to expedite completion of the conceptual design and costing work currently underway and report back to Council as soon as possible with:

- a. A confirmed cost estimate for the installation of means prevention infrastructure;
 - b. Recommended design options including short term, interim measures to address bridge areas having the highest need;
 - c. A proposed implementation schedule; and
 - d. Cost sharing scenarios.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to engage with the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to seek cost-sharing contributions to support the design and construction of means prevention infrastructure on the Granville Street Bridge.
- E. THAT the Mayor write to the Premier of British Columbia and the Prime Minister of Canada requesting their governments' partnership in funding this evidence-based suicide prevention initiative to help prevent further loss of life.

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