

COUNCIL MEMBER'S MOTION

For consideration at the Special Council meeting on August 14, 2026

1. Public Safety Plebiscite

Submitted by: Mayor Ken Sim

THAT Council enact a By-law in the form set out in Appendix A, containing the questions to be submitted for the opinion of the electors in the municipal election to be held in October 2026.

APPENDIX “A”

BY-LAW NO. _____

A By-law to authorize questions for electors regarding public safety

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in public meeting, enacts as follows:

1. Council, for its own information, and in accordance with section 184 of the Vancouver Charter, submits for the opinion of the electors in the municipal election to be held in October 2026, the following:

“PUBLIC SAFETY PLEBISCITE

Vancouver has experienced unprecedented levels of street disorder, open-air hard drug use, and disruption to community safety and individual health. Therefore,

1. Are you in favour of the City of Vancouver strengthening its laws to forbid open-air hard drug (Heroin, Meth, Fentanyl, and Crack) use in public spaces?

_____ YES, I am in favour.

_____ NO, I am opposed.

AND

2. Should the City of Vancouver formally ask the Province of BC to convert portions of the old St. Paul’s Hospital, or another similar site, into a secure medical facility that provides acute voluntary and 100-plus involuntary care beds for individuals posing a serious risk to themselves or others due to severe substance use and mental health disorders?

_____ YES, I am in favour.

_____ NO, I am opposed.”.

2. This By-law is to come into force and take effect on the date of its enactment.

ENACTED by Council this 14th day of August 2026