COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

For consideration at the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on November 18, 2026

12. Restoring Vancouver's Leadership as an Inclusive, Compassionate and Resilient City

Submitted by: Councillor Maloney

WHEREAS

1. Every individual is entitled to fair treatment, dignity, and respect from their local government, regardless of their background, status, or circumstances, and can expect these principles to be upheld in all municipal actions and services;

2. Upholding dignity in our interactions fosters mutual understanding, cooperation, and overall well-being, and it is incumbent upon the City of Vancouver to actively advance these principles through its actions and policies;

3. Following research-based advice and evidence-informed practices is essential to ensure that municipal policies and actions effectively address community needs and uphold the highest standards of service;

4. Certain decisions and directions of the previous Council are inconsistent with these values and principles, and pausing and reviewing such decisions will help strengthen the City's resilience in addressing economic, social, and environmental challenges;

5. The recent election results gave this Council a clear mandate to pause initiatives inconsistent with these values and principles, build a City that serves all residents, allow staff to focus on priority work, and allow this Council and staff to conduct more in-depth review in due course; and

6. The resolutions below are by no means an exhaustive list but represent a modest start to the work of setting our city on a new course.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

A. THAT Council direct staff to rescind the work on:

   i. The motion entitled *Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Housing Affordability Through Alignment with the Provincial Building Code,* approved by Council on May 21, 2026*,* in order to preserve Vancouver's Building By-law, and its ability to lead on safe, high-performance, low-carbon buildings and construction specific to our urban context (source);

ii. The consideration of a bi-directional bike lane on the north side of West 10th Avenue given the existing beneficial separated bike lane that provides safer cycling infrastructure (source);

iii. The robotic food delivery pilot in the City of Vancouver, given their privatization of public spaces, the accessibility barriers they create and the consequences on local jobs.

B. THAT Council direct staff to take action to:

i. Implement the near-term actions recommended in the staff report on the Vision Zero Safe Mobility Plan in its entirety, as originally proposed by staff on June 2, 2026, including Near-Term Action 2, which aims to begin reducing speeds on major streets to 30 km per hour or 40 km per hour, therefore superseding Council decision from June 2, 2026 (source);

ii. Report back on options to promptly reinstate the Community Benefits Agreement Policy to ensure an appropriate level of local sourcing, procurement and employment requirement of materials, goods and services come from companies based in Vancouver, Metro Vancouver and B.C. for mega-developments, as a critical tool for inclusive development;

iii. Report back by the end of Q1 2027 on options to reinstate the Transportation Demand Management plan requirements in the Parking By-law for any new development site to advance the City's transportation objectives and ensure early integration of multimodal planning; and

iv. Resume work on the City's program that would utilize business licence fees to encourage the installation of Electric Vehicle chargers at gasoline stations and large commercial parking lots, as approved by Council in May 2022 (source).

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