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Good Morning Mayor and Council,

Last night we received confirmation from the province on the safe restart funding – funding that was a joint initiative between the federal government and the provincial government to support municipalities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are quite disappointed in the amount of funding allocated to the City of Vancouver of \$16 million. The allocation is based on a formula that provides a minimum per municipality and then a per capita allocation that is weighted to smaller populations.

The example cited is a municipality of 43,000 people which receives over \$5m. Vancouver with a population near 700,000 receives \$16m based on this formula. Looking from a budget perspective, a municipality of this size would have an operating budget less than \$100 Million vs the City of Vancouver's budget of \$1.7 Billion.

As we begin our budget discussions, please take this information into account. Given the low level of the support, we will need to be very cautious in our use of reserves in 2021, as senior funding will not be sufficient to replenish our 2020 reserves.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best,  
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