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Greetings Mayor & Council and CMT-

Please find below (and attached) a high-level summary of the 2017 Federal Budget released today in Ottawa- from a national and Vancouver perspective. Also below for your reference is a copy of the Mayor's statement in response to the budget.

We look forward to working with the federal government closely over the coming weeks and months to discuss specifics of how to implement the commitments in the 2017 budget, and to continue to move key Vancouver economic, environmental and social policies and projects forward together.

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## **Federal Government 2017 Budget Highlights March 22, 2017**

### **Overview**

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### **Housing**

- 2017 Budget invests \$11.2 billion over 11 years build renew & repair Canada's stock of affordable housing, investments to combat and prevent homelessness
- National Housing Strategy roadmap for governments and housing providers across the country as they decide how to best support housing renewal in their communities
  - o \$3.2 billion provinces agreements
  - o \$5 billion National Housing Fund (potentially more direct delivery to municipalities)
  - o \$2.1 billion homelessness HPS
  - o \$300 million northern communities
  - o \$225 million indigenous off-reserve (urban aboriginal)
  - o \$202 million federal land for the development of affordable housing
- Maintain funding for social housing operating agreements across the whole country

- 2017 Budget invests \$241 million over 11 years for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to improve data collection and analytics, expanding housing research with partners, and demonstrate and test new design solutions to affordable housing challenges, including in actual housing projects

### **Social Development**

- 2017 Budget invests an additional \$7 billion over 10 years starting 2018-2019, to create more high-quality affordable childcare spaces across the country including programs for Indigenous children living on and off reserve
- These investments could support as many as 40,000 new subsidized child care spaces for low and modest-income families in the next 3 years

### **Canada Infrastructure Bank**

- The Canada Infrastructure Bank will be responsible for investing at least \$35 billion over 11 years using loans, loan guarantees and equity investments with a focus on large transformative projects such as regional transit plans, transportation networks and electricity grid interconnections

### **Transit**

- 2017 Budget mentions the Vancouver Broadway Subway project: tunnelled extension of the Millennium Line SkyTrain along Broadway corridor will add six stations over 6 km supporting a busy and growing corridor
- Phase 2 Public Transit Infrastructure Fund is \$20.1 billion over 11 years and the Metro Vancouver regional share of funding based on the allocation model of population and ridership is approximately \$2.2 billion

### **Urban Aboriginal**

- The Urban Aboriginal Strategy is now the Urban Indigenous Strategy and this supports Indigenous service centres in major urban areas that provide a one-window approach to programs and services for First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples.
- 2017 Budget invests \$118.5 million over 5 years

### **Green/Clean Growth**

- 2017 Budget invests \$21.9 billion (as outlined in the 2016 Fall Economic Statement) in green infrastructure including initiatives that will support the implementation of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change
- This funding will be distributed in three distinct streams:
  - o Bilateral agreements: \$9.2 billion to provinces and territories over next 11 years on a base plus per capita allocation basis to support priority projects including those that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, deliver clean water, safely manage wastewater, help communities prepare for challenges that result from climate change
  - o Canada Infrastructure Bank: at least \$5 billion will be available over next 11 years for green infrastructure projects including those that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, deliver clean air and safe water systems and promote renewable power
  - o National programs: \$2.8 billion over next 11 years including \$100 million for next generation smart grid storage and clean electricity technology demonstration projects, \$200 million deployment of emerging renewable energy technologies nearing commercialization, \$220 million to reduce reliance on rural and remote communities, \$120 million to deploy infrastructure for electric vehicle charging and natural gas and hydrogen refueling stations as well as to support technology demonstration projects, \$182 million to develop and implement new building codes to retrofit existing buildings and build new net-zero energy consumption buildings across Canada, and \$2 billion for Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund to support national provincial and municipal infrastructure required to deal with the effects of a changing climate

## **Innovation**

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## **Health/Fentanyl Crisis**

- 2017 Budget invests an additional \$35 million over 5 years for a total of \$100 million over 5 years (building on the February 2017 announcement of \$65 million including \$10 million specifically for British Columbia) starting in 2017-2018 with \$22.7 million per year ongoing to respond to the opioid crisis

## **Trade & Transportation**

- 2017 Budget invests \$10.1B over 11 years to modernize Canada's transportation system, protect our oceans and waterways and address the requirements of existing federally funded transportation assets
- 2017 Budget introduces a National Trade Corridors Fund with \$2 billion over 11 years to fund activities to address urgent capacity constraints and freight bottlenecks at major ports of entry & better connect rail and highway infrastructure that delivers economic growth across Canada

## **Immigration**

- 2017 Budget invests \$62.9 million over 5 years starting in 2017-18 and \$11.5 million per year to enhance the delivery of immigration and refugee legal aid services in partnership with the provinces and territories

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### **Statement from Mayor Gregor Robertson on Major Housing, Transit Investments in Federal Budget**

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I'm particularly pleased to see a commitment of \$11.2 billion earmarked for housing nationally, plus maintaining operating agreements for co-ops, a magnitude of investment that is sorely needed. These federal dollars and support need to flow urgently to bring relief to the tremendous pressure facing residents across Vancouver who struggle to access housing. Cities across Canada are ready to work swiftly with the federal government to support the implementation of a new National Housing Strategy when it's put forward in the coming months. Vancouver has 20 sites of City-owned land ready for the federal government to partner on to help us deliver thousands of new affordable homes.

Today's historic \$2.2 billion investment in transit and transportation, the largest in Metro Vancouver in 20+ years, is a game changer for our region. This dedicated funding will support our growing region, keeping people moving and growing the economy while protecting our environment. Metro Mayors are ready to roll up our sleeves and work with the BC government to take advantage of this opportunity from the Trudeau government and match this funding with additional dollars to deliver crucial new projects like the Broadway Subway.

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