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Greetings Mayor and Council-

At the last council meeting you requested information regarding our ability to recover costs from policing the Trump Tower opening. Chief Palmer has provided the following answer to your question:

The refined cost estimates for policing this event are now \$112,000. These costs are not recoverable. The VPD respects that people have the right to peaceful assembly/protest/demonstration (Section 2 – Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms). It is the VPD's duty to ensure public safety for these types of events. As such, the VPD does not hold either the protest organizers or the target of the protest financially liable. For example, protests such as Occupy Vancouver (and many others over the years) have been anti-establishment protests and the VPD has not sought cost recovery from either the protest groups or the corporations for related policing costs. The target of this protest (Trump Tower / Trump family) was not engaged in any illegal activity. The members of the Trump family attending the Trump Tower grand opening are children of the U.S. President and are subject to bona-fide protection details no matter where they travel. The VPD's role was strictly to preserve and maintain public safety outside the venue, on public land (sidewalks, roadways) and to ensure the safe passage of people wanting to demonstrate in the streets. There were three Trump-related protests that day. One of those protests was not at the Trump Tower – it started at Jack Poole Plaza and went to the U.S. Consulate and then back to the Plaza.

I hope this information answers your questions.

Best

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