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**Subject:** Memo - City of Reconciliation

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The purpose of the attached memo is to provide a summary of City activities and funding that support the City of Reconciliation goals and support for indigenous culture, and to address misinformation in the community regarding the potential impact on our reconciliation work resulting from the Innovation Fund being reduced in the 2019 budget.

In 2018 and 2019, approximately \$3.2 million was invested in reconciliation work in the operating and capital budgets, excluding any innovation funding. During that time, the Innovation Fund has been used to contribute \$425,000 toward reconciliation efforts.

The City of Vancouver is proud to be a City of Reconciliation, with a framework that was based on engagement with local Indigenous communities. The memo outlines the many activities that have taken place and that are ongoing in our budgets.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me or Patrice Impey at 604.873.7610 or [Patrice.Impey@vancouver.ca](mailto:Patrice.Impey@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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*The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.*

**MEMORANDUM**

January 31, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: City of Reconciliation

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The City of Vancouver is proud to be a City of Reconciliation, with a framework that was based on engagement with local Indigenous communities. The purpose of this memo is to provide a summary of various initiatives funded by the City that support the City of Reconciliation goals and support for indigenous culture, and to address misinformation in the community regarding the potential impact on our reconciliation work resulting from the Innovation Fund being reduced in the 2019 budget.

Funding for reconciliation initiatives is provided through the City's operating budget for operating grants, staffing, and ongoing programming and the Capital budget for facilities, infrastructure and capital grants. The Innovation Fund is one of several ways that the City invests into our reconciliation work. The Fund provides one time funding for new projects that leverage funding from external partners for innovative one time initiatives. If initiatives move forward beyond the one time innovation, the ongoing costs would be incorporated into a future Operating and/or Capital budget.

In 2018 and 2019, approximately \$3.3 million was invested in reconciliation work in the operating and capital budgets, excluding any innovation funding. During that time, the Innovation Fund has been used to contribute \$425,000 toward reconciliation efforts.

**Recent Initiatives that were funded in the Capital and Operating budget include:**

- \$711,000 allocated for an Indigenous Healing and wellness centre.
- The City worked collaboratively with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations in 2018 to develop significant new public art projects and increase Indigenous visibility on their unceded territories, including:
  - \$50,000 for the Indigenous murals program
  - \$500,000 invested in the conservation of the Mungo Martin Centennial Pole; a protocol ceremony was conducted when the pole was removed from Vanier Park in December
  - \$200,000 to fund the current Haida Now Exhibition at the Museum of Vancouver
- Cultural Competency training and new partnership projects with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and with urban Indigenous service agencies has led to insightful awareness and growth toward embedding the principles of reconciliation within City Council and Board priorities and emerging projects.
- Through Great Beginnings, a \$600,000 program that is part of the Healthy City Strategy, the City invested in a number of projects between 2016-2018, including:
  - The Survivors Totem Pole in Stanley Park (\$50,000)
  - The Aboriginal Health Services Mapping project (\$11,250)
  - Support for Aboriginal Youth Culture, Recreation, Education and Work programs (\$20,000)
  - The Downtown Eastside National Aboriginal Day (\$9,500)
- \$30,000 grant to support the Mother's Day Traditional Pow Wow honouring Indigenous women funded from the 2018 Social Policy Grant Operating budget.
- The 2019 budget included new funding of \$115,000 for an Indigenous liaison to support initiatives including a training and apprenticeship program.
- The 2019 budget included new ongoing funding of \$385,000 for four positions initially funding on a one time basis to support the City's commitments as a City of Reconciliation. The positions include:
  - An Indigenous Social Planner
  - An Indigenous Cultural Planner
  - A Reconciliation Planning Assistant
  - An Indigenous Communications Coordinator
- Reconciliation is a ground principle in the development of the Creative City Strategy. Through direct coordination with the local First Nations, Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Visibility on the Land is a key theme. Staff are developing recommendations to be presented in Council later this year.
- \$1 million has been carried forward from the 2018 budget for MST-led commissions, in response to a Council motion for highly visible MST public art in downtown plazas.
- \$197,000 was included in the 2019 budget for 2 new positions to support proactive archaeological project planning and ongoing coordination and engagement with First Nations.

***Recent initiatives funded from the Innovation fund:***

- \$350,000 from the Innovation Fund for one time Cultural grants to support the Canada 150+ legacy and reconciliation.
- \$75,000 from the Innovation Fund for a one-time grant to the Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre Society to support operations of the Saa'ust Centre at 44 East Cordova Street until the Indigenous Healing and Wellness Centre is open.

In addition to the above newer initiatives, there are a number of ongoing activities that take place within departments and department budgets that are in support of the principles of Reconciliation and in support of Indigenous culture. As part of the annual budget process, staff will bring forward recommendations for funding of initiatives aligned to Council priorities. The Innovation Fund of \$1,000,000 is also available for one time opportunities that may come forward during the year. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me 604-873-7610 or [patrice.impey@vancouver.ca](mailto:patrice.impey@vancouver.ca).

Best regards,



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