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Subject: Memo - Update on Safety Railing on South Steps of City Hall - RTS 13271

Attachments: REFM - Memo to Mayor Council - City Hall Railing (July 4th Update).pdf

Greetings Mayor and Council,

The enclosed memo from Nick Kassam, General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Manager, provides an update to the June 26th Memo to Council, which responded to the June 11th request from as to the feasibility of installing a safety railing in the middle of the stairs on the south side of City Hall in order to provide increased mobility (RTS #013271). In summary,

- ☐ Staff previously proposed installing a new brass central railing and replacing the two side railings with brass railings at an estimated cost of \$50,000 and prioritizing this work in the context of all accessibility projects being considered within the Capital Plan's \$2M Accessibility Program.
- ☐ As an alternative for consideration, Heritage Planning has approved moving forward with this work in a phased approach with the immediate installation of the central brass railing – at an estimated cost of \$15,000 – followed by replacement of the existing black side railings with brass railings at a future date, with timing based on priority within the accessibility program

Should you have any questions, please contact Nick Kassam at 604.871.6859 or Nick.Kassam@vancouver.ca.

Best,
Sadhu

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Pronouns: he, him, his



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MEMORANDUM

July 4, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Nick Kassam
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SUBJECT: Update to June 26th Memo re: Safety Railing on South Steps of City Hall
RTS # 013271

This memo is an update to the June 26th Memo to Council, which responded to the recent request from the June 11th, 2019, Council Meeting:

Councillor Dominato requested the feasibility of installing a safety railing in the middle of the stairs on the south side of City Hall in order to provide increased mobility.

In the June 26th memo, staff put forward for consideration the option of installing a new centre brass railing and replacing the two existing black railings with matching brass railings (to improve visual contrast) at an estimated cost of approximately \$50,000. Staff recommended reviewing this proposal in the context of all accessibility projects being considered within the Capital Plan's \$2M Accessibility Program - in consultation with Council committee's PDAC, LGBTQ2+ and Seniors Committee - and prioritizing the work according to the prioritization matrix developed within that program.

Heritage Planning has since advised that the above work could be undertaken in two phases:

1. Installation of a new centre brass railing at an estimated cost of \$15,000 could proceed immediately; followed by
2. Replacement of the existing black railings with brass railings at an estimated cost of \$35,000, with timing based on priority within the accessibility program.

Staff recommend this phased approach as an alternative for consideration as it would provide for immediate accessibility improvements and serve as a complement to the existing accessible ramp on the south side, which is also available for the public's use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Kassam". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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