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**Subject:** Memo - CAC allocation from 800 Robson (RTS 12997)

**Attachments:** Memo - Mayor and Council - RTS 12997\_August 2019.pdf

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Greetings Mayor and Council,

The attached memo is in response to a request for staff follow up (RTS 12997) on motions approved by Council as part of the 2019 Capital and Operating Budget (RTS 12577) on December 18, 2018. Council deferred the approval of \$5,381,000 recommended in the 2019 Capital Budget for improvements to Robson Plaza and directed to staff to report back as soon as possible to reallocate the \$5,381,000 Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) to capital costs for non-market and supportive housing.

The memo provides:

- The original allocation of the \$13,557,060 cash CAC and
- An update that, based on Council's direction, the \$4 million previously allocated towards public realm improvements in and around downtown area will now be transferred to the Affordable Housing Reserve to help secure social housing and services to meet resident's needs, as set out in *Housing Vancouver*.

Staff will bring forward a summary of how this and other funding allocated to affordable housing will be spent as part of the Capital Budget process.

If you have any further questions, please contact General Manager Sandra Singh at [sandra.singh@vancouver.ca](mailto:sandra.singh@vancouver.ca) or 604-353-1857.

Best,  
Sadhu

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Pronouns: he, him, his



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## MEMORANDUM

August 13, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager  
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FROM: Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services

SUBJECT: Reallocation of CACs to capital costs for non-market and supportive housing (report back-RTS 12997)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

This memo is in response to a request for staff follow up (RTS 12997) on motions approved by Council as part of the 2019 Capital and Operating Budget (RTS 12577) on December 18, 2018.

Council deferred the approval of \$5,381,000 recommended in the 2019 Capital Budget for improvements to Robson Plaza and directed to staff to report back as soon as possible to reallocate the \$5,381,000 Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) to capital costs for non-market and supportive housing.

The Robson Plaza project put forward in the 2019 Budget was originally projected to be funded with Development Cost Levies (DCL) allocated to Transportation with the intension to swap out the DCL funding for any cash CACs allocated to the project as they were collected. At the time of the 2019 Budget, the only CACs allocated to the project was \$4 million pending from the rezoning of 118-150 Robson Street approved in 2018 (received June 2019).

As part of this rezoning, the City accepted an overall CAC package of \$27,257,060 consisting of a fee simple transfer of the site at 877 Hamilton Street valued at \$13,700,000, and a cash contribution of \$13,557,060 to be allocated as follows:

- \$5,000,000 towards the Affordable Housing Reserve to help secure social housing and services to meet resident's needs, as set out in *Housing Vancouver*, in and around downtown area
- \$4,000,000 towards public realm improvements in and around downtown area such as along 800 Robson Street and Granville Street
- \$1,557,060 towards park upgrades in and around downtown area such as Yaletown Park
- \$2,000,000 towards delivery of other City serving amenities such as the relocation of the City Archives to the Central Library
- \$1,000,000 towards the City's cultural and social capital grant program

Based on Council's direction, the \$4 million previously allocated towards public realm improvements in and around downtown area will now be transferred to the Affordable Housing Reserve to help secure social housing and services to meet resident's needs, as set out in *Housing Vancouver*. Staff will bring forward a summary of how this and other funding allocated to affordable housing will be spent as part of the Capital Budget process.

If Council has any further questions, please feel free to contact me directly at [sandra.singh@vancouver.ca](mailto:sandra.singh@vancouver.ca).



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SS/sjp