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Greetings Mayor and Council,

Great news! The Province recently enacted important legislative changes that affect the City. On March 5, 2020, Royal Assent was given to the [Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act](#), which includes the changes listed below to the *Vancouver Charter* – these charter change requests were re-submitted by the City to the Province in March 2019. We have been asking for some of these changes for a while, so it's great that we now have these changes.

#### **Latecomer charges and cost recovery for excess or extended services**

Authority added to the Vancouver Charter to bring the City into line with other municipalities and streamline the process for sharing the costs of utility and road upgrades necessitated by nearby developments. The changes enable growth-related infrastructure improvements to be borne by developers in a fairer manner.

- Adds authority for Council to require developers to provide excess or extended services
- Adds authority for Council to impose latecomer charges or taxes to recover the costs of providing excess or extended services

#### **Remedial action to address nuisances or dangers**

The language authorizing Council to address nuisances and dangers has been simplified and modernized. The section has also been amended to authorize action more quickly where considered appropriate.

#### **Quicker action in the event of default and higher fines**

The Province has amended the Vancouver Charter to allow the City to act more quickly where persons ordered to make certain repairs fail to do so, and the City wishes to step in and do the work. The City can also now amend its by-laws to authorize a court to impose a fine of \$50,000, and not just \$10,000, to punish persons convicted of breaching a by-law.

Best,  
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