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Subject: Summary: Liberal-NDP Supply and Confidence Agreement

Dear Mayor and Council,

As you will be aware, commencing March 22, 2022 and ending June 2025, the Liberal government will be bound to an agreement with the federal New Democratic Party titled [Delivering for Canadians Now: A Supply and Confidence Agreement](#).

NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh has committed to supporting the Liberal government on votes of confidence, budgetary matters and specific policy. This is not a formal coalition, but like a coalition ensures the governing Liberal government's stability until 2025. The Agreement will operate similarly to the arrangement that propped up the BC NDP government between 2017-2020.

The Agreement states that NDP leadership and critic portfolio holders will be regularly briefed by Ministers and Deputy Ministers on issues of importance. Such briefings are normally confidential to the governing party. Additionally, feedback from the NDP will actively be sought on issues identified within the Agreement.

The following list identifies actions within the Agreement that align with City of Vancouver priorities. Note this list does not preclude starting work on other possible shared priorities as identified by both political parties.

We expect more details on these priorities in the 2022 federal budget. IGR will be providing an analysis and summary to staff once the budget is announced (stay tuned for the first week of April - TBC).

1 . A better healthcare system

- Launching a new dental care program for low-income Canadians. Would start with under 12-year-olds in 2022, then expand to under 18-year-olds, seniors and persons living with a disability in 2023, then full implementation by 2025. Program would be restricted to families with an income of less than \$90,000 annually, with no co-pays for anyone under \$70,000 annually in income.
- Continuing progress towards a universal national pharmacare program by passing a Canada Pharmacare Act by the end of 2023 and then tasking the National Drug Agency to develop a national formulary of essential medicines and bulk purchasing plan by the end of the agreement.
- Additional ongoing investments for health care as required to address these pressures. The federal government will work with the Provinces to hire more primary care doctors and nurses, mental health support, aging at home, and get better health data.

2. Making life more affordable for people

- Extending the Rapid Housing Initiative for an additional year.
- Re-focusing the Rental Construction Financing Initiative on affordable units (under 80% AMR) and use 80% AMR or below as definition of affordable housing.
- Moving forward on launching a Housing Accelerator Fund.
- Implementing a Homebuyer's Bill of Rights and tackling the financialization of the housing market by the end of 2023.
- Including a \$500 one-time top-up to Canada Housing Benefit in 2022 which would be renewed in coming years if cost of living challenges remain.

- Through introducing an Early Learning and Child Care Act by the end of 2022, ensuring that childcare agreements have long-term protected funding that prioritizes non-profit and public spaces, to deliver high quality, affordable child care opportunities for families.

3. Tackling the climate crisis and creating good paying jobs

- Advancing measures to achieve significant emissions reductions by 2030 compared to 2005 levels. Continuing to identify ways to further accelerate the trajectory to achieve net-zero emissions no later than 2050.
- Moving forward with Just Transition legislation, guided by the feedback we receive from workers, unions, Indigenous peoples, communities, and provinces and territories.
- Developing a plan to phase-out public financing of the fossil fuel sector, including from Crown corporations, including early moves in 2022.
- Moving forward in 2022 on home energy efficiency programs that both enhance energy affordability for Canadians and reduce emissions, with investments to support multiple streams including low-income and multi-unit residential apartments. We will also ensure that this funding includes support for creating Canadian supply chains for this work to ensure the jobs stay in Canada and that we create the skills to export these valuable energy efficiency products around the world.

4. A better deal for workers

- Ensuring that the 10 days of paid sick leave for all federally regulated workers starts as soon as possible in 2022.
- Introducing legislation by the end of 2023 to prohibit the use of replacement workers, “scabs,” when a union employer in a federally regulated industry has locked out employees or is in a strike.

5. Reconciliation

- Making a significant additional investment in Indigenous housing in 2022. It will be up to First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities to determine how housing investments are designed and delivered.
- Accelerating the implementation of the Federal Pathway to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQA+ People with Indigenous partners.
- Creating a standing Federal-Provincial-Territorial table on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQA+ People to facilitate and coordinate this work.
- Providing the necessary supports for First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities who wish to continue to undertake the work of burial searches at the former sites of residential schools.

6. A fairer tax system

- Implementing a publicly accessible beneficial ownership registry by the end of 2023.

7. Making democracy work for people

- Recognizing our shared commitment to maintaining the health of our democracy and the need to remove barriers to voting and participation, we will work with Elections Canada to explore ways to expand the ability for people to vote, such as:
 - An expanded “Election Day” of three days of voting.
 - Allowing people to vote at any polling place within their Electoral District.
 - Improving the process of mail-in ballots to ensure that voters who choose this method of voting are not disenfranchised.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.