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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find attached a memo from the Chief Constable and me which provides a summary of initiatives currently underway and planned to address public safety in Vancouver. This information is being provided in response to two recent Council motions:

- ☐ Prioritizing Public Safety, March 30, 2022 (RTS 15130)
- ☐ "Sustaining Public Safety as a Core Service in the City of Vancouver," October 7, 2020 (RTS 14147)

This memo outlines 49 separate initiatives and actions being undertaken or under consideration by the City, the Vancouver Police Department and the Board of Parks and Recreation, organised into the following eight themes.

1. Policing and public realm supervision
2. Homelessness and mental health supports
3. Data, statistics and communication
4. Street lighting
5. Cleanliness and maintenance
6. Graffiti management
7. Proactive measures
8. Partnerships, collaboration and advocacy

The memo also notes initiatives under consideration which would require an incremental funding allocation in future budgets.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Karen Levitt or Chief Palmer.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

June 30, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: Prioritizing Public Safety Actions

RTS #: RTS 15130, Prioritizing Public Safety
RTS 14147, Sustaining Public Safety as a Core Service in the City of Vancouver

Purpose

This memo provides Council with a summary of currently underway initiatives as well as contemplated future initiatives to address public safety in Vancouver, in response to two recent Council motions.

Council motions addressed in this memo

On March 30, 2022, Vancouver City Council passed a motion entitled "[Prioritizing Public Safety](#)," that called for a Special Meeting of Council at which Council would hear from speakers representing residents, businesses and community organisations, in order to understand concerns related to public safety and violent crime citywide in Vancouver.

In response to this motion, two Special Council meetings were held on April 28, 2022 and May 10, 2022, comprised of:

- staff presentations from Homelessness Services and Social Policy (Arts, Culture and Community Services), Streets and Sanitation (Engineering Services), the Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver Police Board, and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and

- 36 public speakers (74 were originally registered, but not all of these ultimately were available to speak).

As well as reporting back per the “Prioritizing Public Safety” Council motion, this memo also serves to report back on the October 2020 motion, “[Sustaining Public Safety as a Core Service in the City of Vancouver](#).” The full text of both these motions as approved by Council are contained in Attachment 2 of this memo.

Other recent Council motions concerning public safety

In addition to the two aforementioned Council motions, there have been a number of other motions related to public safety put forward by Council since July 2020.

- [Decriminalizing Poverty and Support Community-Led Safety Initiatives](#), July 27, 2020
- [Mitigating and Managing Nuisance Graffiti in Vancouver](#), May 27, 2021
- [Public Safety: Evaluating and Addressing Any Impacts of City of Vancouver Actions on Neighbourhood Safety](#), October 5, 2021
- [Working Collaboratively to Become a Restorative City](#), January 26, 2022
- [Free Parking and Other Measures to Address Public Safety and the Revitalization of Chinatown](#), April 13, 2022
- [Street Care, Not Street Sweeps: Ending Daily Displacement in Vancouver](#), June 21, 2022 (noting that this motion was referred to staff for consideration and response as part of the related upcoming report to Council on this matter, recognizing that work is already underway on this topic).

Attachment 2 contains the full text of the staff direction associated with each of these Council motions.

The broader social issues inherent in the public safety conversation

The comments provided by speakers and discussion with and amongst Council at the Special Meetings on April 28/May 10, 2022 were focused largely on crime rates, impacts for victims of crime and on the extent of general disorder in the public realm. While the frequency and nature of criminal acts represent a critical factor contributing to actual and perceived safety, staff note that the City’s role in protecting public safety is very broad, and includes fire suppression and prevention, emergency medical services, road safety, maintenance of essential infrastructure, building and construction safety, water safety, housing and social supports, food security and a range of other services. The actions described in Attachment 1 primarily target the matters discussed during the Special Meetings and, as such, provide a partial reflection of the City’s comprehensive work to protect and enhance the safety of people who reside in, work in and visit Vancouver.

Specifically in relation to crime and disorder, staff also note the critical importance of interventions that address the social factors at the root of those challenges, including poverty, the impact of colonialism and systemic racism, mental health, substance use, access to adequate housing and barriers to educational and economic opportunity. These issues are not localized problems and, while local governments can serve as partners and

advocates, the legislative mandates and authority, as well as fiscal capacity, for up-stream solutions rest primarily with senior governments. Enduring solutions also require meaningful and ongoing engagement with constituents to develop shared understanding of root causes, impacts and effective interventions.

Current Vancouver crime statistics

In response to significant media and public attention on crime and public safety in Vancouver, the VPD presented the following statistics to Vancouver City Council during the Special Council meeting on April 28, 2022. Crime data for 2021 was compared to the three-year average prior to the pandemic (2017-2019).

- Violent crime in Vancouver increased by 7.1%.
- Property crime decreased by 32%.
 - Property crime is often lower priority in nature, less complex and less resource intensive than violent crime investigations.
 - Property crime decreases were due to significantly less thefts and theft from autos during this period (public working from home less activity and vehicles in downtown parkades).

With regard to violent crime, the above statistic corroborates Statistics Canada's most recent measure of violent crime, the Violent Crime Severity Index (VCSI) in Vancouver:

- The VCSI increased by 4.2% when comparing 2020 (the most recent available data) to 2019.
- Vancouver's VCSI is 54% higher than the average of Canadian cities with over 500,000 population, Vancouver's VCSI is the 3rd highest on this list.

As society continues to emerge from the pandemic and tries to return to as much normality as possible, in terms of work and social and commercial activities, research and experts have suggested that crime will increase.

So far in 2022, crime has increased as expected in both property and violent crimes. For the most recent crime data in 2022, the following compares results for the first five months of 2022 to the first five months of 2021:

- Overall violent crime has increased by 2.5%, with 13 out of 24 neighbourhoods experiencing an increase.
- Overall property crime has increased by 9.4%, with 17 out of 24 neighbourhoods experiencing an increase.

The VPD will be providing a separate crime statistics memo to Mayor and Council on June 30, 2022 that will include statistics, additional crime trends and related significant incident briefing notes.

City of Vancouver initiatives and actions to support public safety

Attachment 1 of this memo contains an inventory of City of Vancouver initiatives and actions to support public safety – 49 separate initiatives across eight themes, as summarised in Table 1 below. This inventory includes both initiatives underway, as well as those contemplated on the near horizon or over the longer term. Some of the latter would require Council approval and/or incremental funding to advance, and where this is the case, it is noted in the table in Attachment 1.

TABLE 1. OVERVIEW OF CITY OF VANCOUVER INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY (DETAILS IN ATTACHMENT 1)

A. POLICING AND PUBLIC REALM SUPERVISION	B. HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS	C. DATA, STATISTICS AND COMMUNICATION	D. STREET LIGHTING
1. Increase perceived and actual VPD presence 2. Increase focus on deterring property crime 3. Increase VPD funding/ resourcing 4. More transit police 5. Increase Park Rangers presence	6. Enhance support for people with addiction and mental health issues, in the DTES and other neighbourhoods 7. Explore alternative Responses to 911 calls 8. Expand VCH overdose prevention sites 9. Increase funding/ resources for support services pertaining to addiction and mental health issues 10. Explore restorative justice models	11. Improve accuracy of property crime statistics through BIA partnership 12. Increase VPD funding to address under-reporting of public safety and property crime calls 13. Promote positive narrative/media	14. Improve both City and private business street lighting 15. Amend Sign Bylaw to allow more illuminated signs
E. CLEANLINESS AND MAINTENANCE	F. GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT	G. PROACTIVE MEASURES	H. PARTNERSHIP, COLLABORATION AND ADVOCACY
16. Increase frequency of micro-cleaning 17. Alternatives to policing in sidewalk cleaning	27. Reinstate the VPD Anti-Graffiti Task Force	32. Review the DTES market model 33. Homelessness response coordination	45. Advocacy to and partnership with the provincial and federal governments

E. CLEANLINESS AND MAINTENANCE	F. GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT	G. PROACTIVE MEASURES	H. PARTNERSHIP, COLLABORATION AND ADVOCACY
<p>18. More public washrooms</p> <p>19. Enhance public realm and City infrastructure maintenance</p> <p>20. Sharps containers</p> <p>21. More street garbage cans</p> <p>22. Create an Adopt a Garbage Can program</p> <p>23. Remove empty newspaper boxes</p> <p>24. Increase park cleanliness</p> <p>25. Enforce maintenance requirements for vacant retail properties</p> <p>26. Decrease permitting wait times</p>	<p>28. Implement creative programs to change tagging behavior</p> <p>29. Provision of paint to BIAs by private sanitation companies</p> <p>30. Enforce regulations that require private sanitation companies to maintain dumpsters</p> <p>31. Graffiti cleaning supplies to BIAs</p>	<p>34. MMIWG Calls for Justice response</p> <p>35. Respond to sexual violence in the service and hospitality industries</p> <p>36. United Nations Safe Cities for Women and Girls</p> <p>37. Develop an anti-Black racism action plan</p> <p>38. Support sex worker safety</p> <p>39. Consideration for the City of Vancouver's Four Pillars Drug Strategy</p> <p>40. Supportive housing implementation</p> <p>41. Support bringing people/animation back to downtown</p> <p>42. Support urban park activation</p> <p>43. Team UP – utilising parks to increase access for diverse populations, improve safety, alleviate tensions and increase user experience</p> <p>44. Ensure sufficient retail zoning into the future</p>	<p>46. Better Together: Neighbourhood Collective Action Pilot</p> <p>47. Develop a Vancouver Community Safety and Well-being Strategy</p> <p>48. Support bringing people/animation back to parks through decolonization, arts, and culture</p> <p>49. Increase park activations and community programming through park partnerships</p>

Moving forward

It is important to note that much of the responsibility for clean, safe streets and public spaces has been downloaded to the City, to businesses and to community organisations in Vancouver. These issues are largely the result of many years of under-investment by senior governments in homelessness supports, housing, and mental health services. As such, there is a need to engage senior governments and other agencies in advancing solutions to the public security issues faced by Vancouver's residents, businesses and visitors.

The work that the Vancouver Police Department does to ensure public safety is appreciated and is vital, but there are other resources that must be invested in this realm. Many of the issues discussed in this memo are the result of people suffering with poor mental health, and there are not enough resources to help these people in need. It is most constructive to advance this discussion in a way that does not polarise policing versus mental health support initiatives, as both are a critical part of the solution.

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT 1
INVENTORY OF CITY OF VANCOUVER INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY

THEME	REF	ACTION	INITIATIVE/KEY PROGRAM ELEMENTS	STATUS	ORIGIN	EXECUTIVE SPONSOR/S
A. Policing and Public Realm Supervision	1	Increase perceived and actual VPD presence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A sense of neighbourhood safety can be increased by focusing on initiatives that impact actual and perceived presence of VPD at street level. · Currently, VPD has the following initiatives ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Regular patrol units deployed around identified problem areas. – Pop-up Community Policing Centre (CPC) information tents. – Directed/focused foot and bike patrols around identified high-crime and problem community areas. – District projects and target specific issues, e.g., shoplifting projects, bike theft projects, etc. – Neighbourhood Police Officers that work with CPCs to liaise with their community. NPOs deal with local issues and develop solutions to problems affecting residents and businesses. – Education, awareness and appropriate communication continues to be an important factor in managing public safety concerns. – Providing accurate and timely information and encouraging engagement in community, contribute to crime perceptions as well. – Crime Prevention through Environmental Design is something the VPD is working with partners on (i.e. City 	Under-way	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	Chief Constable, VPD

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			<p>of Vancouver) to elevate the sense of safety and security. For instance, improved lighting, graffiti removal, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These initiatives are dependent on available patrol resources, which are affected by priority call response, call load and other events, such as protests. 			
A. Policing and Public Realm Supervision	2	Increase focus on deterring property crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, VPD has the following underway initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated district patrol units assigned to support property crime reports and similar calls .e.g., DARS car. The Property Crime Unit targets prolific property crime offenders and liaises with partner agencies and stakeholders. Proactive, community focused programs such as Block Watch and Citizen's Crime Watch. Staff to share advocacy materials with BIAs for consideration of BIA-initiated advocacy. 	Under-way	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	Chief Constable, VPD
A. Policing and Public Realm Supervision	3	Increase VPD funding/resourcing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more resources to VPD overall so they can have more capacity to respond to public safety and property crime calls. Additional funding would allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased resources available for specific projects addressing community issues such as Neighbourhood Policing Teams. 	Under consideration, likely to or will require incremental	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council	Chief Constable, VPD

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increased patrol resources available to coordinate community projects and for increased engagement. – Specific projects targeting drivers of property crime, such as specific offenders using the Downtown Eastside Market to sell stolen property, online resale of stolen property, stolen bicycles, etc. – Increased dedicated “beat officers” in high-crime areas. – Property crime investigations are dependent on Crown charge approval and require a higher amount of investigative resources. As such, these investigations require extensive investigation and evidence collection. Additional funds would provide resources to do these. 	City funding	meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	
A. Policing and Public Realm Supervision	4	More transit police	· VPD will forward this request to the appropriate agency.	N/A	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	N/A
A. Policing and Public Realm Supervision	5	Increase Park Rangers presence	· Explore increasing Park Rangers monitoring of specific parks in priority locations.	Under consideration, likely to or will require incremental	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council	GM, Board of Parks & Recreation

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				City funding	meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	
B. Homelessness and Mental Health Supports	6	Enhance support for people with addiction and mental health issues, in the Downtown Eastside and in other neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More homeless outreach teams and mental health workers are needed, both within and outside the Downtown Eastside. Provide more supports for mentally ill and addicted individuals, especially those who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Need senior government support to address the underlying causes of poverty and the overdose crisis through safe supply programs, which have been proven to reduce property crimes. Related to this, the City has the following initiatives underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to continue to work with VCH to identify locations for overdose prevention sites. Enhanced outreach by the City's Homelessness Services Team to respond to community needs. Council motion response underway to identify and advocate for pathways to safe supply. Council motion to decriminalize poverty to identify ways to improve support for homeless, those with mental health and substance use issues while reducing reliance on VPD resources. Ongoing partnership with VCH and BC Housing related to supports for people experiencing homelessness. 	Underway	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	GM, ACCS Chief Constable

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Council advocacy to senior government for increased investment in supportive housing, including complex care housing. · And, the VPD has the following initiatives ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Partnerships with VCH, VGH, and St Paul's to improve the support for people suffering from mental health issues, such as Project LINK, ACT/AOT, car 87/88, a dedicated mental health unit, etc. – Greater efficiencies, coordination and ROI's are important considerations when directing resources to programs that offer support for people with addiction and mental health issues. These programs should be outcomes-based and supported by data. – Dedicated Homeless Outreach Coordinator who works to support unhoused individuals by developing relationships and making referrals where appropriate. · VPD and police advocates recognize that this is a larger societal issue that requires continued collaboration across sectors and support at all levels: municipal, provincial and federal. · For more detailed information, please refer to VPD's published report that address these critical issues: Our Community In Need 			
B. Homelessness and Mental	7	Explore alternative responses to 911 calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The City's Social Policy and Projects staff are working with community partners and are in discussion with the Province to explore alternative approaches to police response to some 911 calls, especially those involving homelessness and 	Under-way	Council Motion	GM, Arts, Culture and Com-

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Health Supports			mental health. A memo update will be provided to Council in July 2022.			munity Services
B. Homelessness and Mental Health Supports	8	Expand Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) overdose prevention sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City through Social Policy and Projects supports VCH to identify locations for and implement overdose prevention sites in neighbourhoods where VCH has identified as having need. Overdose prevention sites provide critical life safety support for substance users by creating clean and supervised spaces and connecting people to services. Their presence also reduces the prevalence of use in the public realm in these neighbourhoods as people have a safe, indoor space to use. 	Underway	Staff Work Plan	GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services
B. Homelessness and Mental Health Supports	9	Increase funding/resources for support services pertaining to addiction and mental health issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More homeless outreach teams and mental health workers are needed, both within and outside the Downtown Eastside, to provide more supports for mentally ill and addicted individuals, especially those who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Need senior government support to address the underlying causes of poverty and the overdose crisis through safe supply programs, which have been proven to reduce property crimes. Council to continue to advocate for increased investment in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culturally appropriate supportive housing. Emergency shelters Mental health and substance use supports. Additional funding would allow for: 	Under consideration, likely to or will require incremental City funding	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Additional police resources for partnership programs that address mental health issues. – More police resources dedicated to homelessness outreach and coordination. 			
B. Homelessness and Mental Health Supports	10	Explore restorative justice models	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Explore alternatives to the traditional criminal justice system such as restorative justice models that may be more beneficial to communities, victims and long-term community building, e.g., as implemented in Victoria, BC and Hull, UK. · Social Policy and VPD staff are currently working closely with Dr. Evelyn Zellerer as she advances the City of Vancouver towards being a restorative city. This will also require involvement of crown and the judiciary. · VPD works with the Downtown Community Court (DCC) when dealing with Property Crime Offenders who meet the criteria for the DCC stream. · Social Policy participates in the Downtown Community Court steering committee. · City providing \$150,000 funding for a community-led multi-organization collaborative convened by Dr. Zellerer that is exploring how to implement restorative justice in Vancouver. · VPD is open to working with key stakeholders to explore and expand a restorative justice model through the VPD's Court and Detention Services Section. 	To start on near horizon	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	Chief Constable, VPD GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services

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C. Data, Statistics and Communication	11	Improve accuracy of property crime statistics through BIA partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · VPD are working with business improvement areas (BIAs) to create more accurate statistics concerning property crime, which are currently significantly under-reported. · VPD is actively engaging and developing responses to BIA partnership concerns, specifically the under-reporting of criminal offences. · Some recent VPD initiatives include the Shoplifter Program and the District Shoplifter Projects. 	Under-way	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	Chief Constable, VPD
C. Data, Statistics and Communication	12	Increase VPD funding to address under-reporting of public safety and property crime calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Develop more accurate reporting capabilities concerning public safety and property crime, which are currently significantly under-reported. · Additional funding for this initiative would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Allow VPD to increase online reporting capabilities. – Provide the ability to create patrol projects focused on property crime. – Provide more resources targeting those chronic offenders committing repeat property crimes including graffiti, property damage, etc. – Continue work with ECOMM to address significant service delivery gaps especially in wait times for non-emergency calls. 	Under consideration, likely to or will require incremental City funding	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	Chief Constable, VPD

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Continue to work on barriers and impediments to reporting (e.g., language, cultural). 			
C. Data, Statistics and Communication	13	Promote positive narrative/media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Work with media to circulate more good-news stories at a local, national, and international level. Publicize initiatives occurring around the city to draw people back downtown. Encourage people to come shop in the City's various neighbourhoods. Create an intentional communications strategy directed at residents, businesses, visitors and potential tourists. · VPD's Public Affairs routinely promotes positive stories involving public safety. · Continue City Work with Vancouver BIA Partnership to continue to amplify positive messaging and stories on the City's communication channels. 	Underway	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	Chief Constable, VPD Director, Civic Engagement and Communications GM, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability
D. Street Lighting	14	Improve both City and private business street lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Provide more lighting on the streets and plazas, via street lighting, at varying vertical heights. In areas where the City doesn't/won't provide sufficient lighting, provide power supplies to allow businesses to enhance street lighting. · Generally, lighting levels on streets meet standards for pedestrians and vehicles. In some contexts, additional lighting may negatively impact those living on the street. Further exploration is needed with partners to 	Under consideration, likely to or will require incremental	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council	GM, Engineering Services

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			<p>determine where changes to lighting can positively impact public safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional lighting and electrical connections in plazas would be dependent on capital funds for plaza improvements. Staff are currently working on a citywide LED lighting upgrade is underway which will improve lighting quality (temperature, uniformity, clarity) for all road users. This is phased work across the City. 	City funding	meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	
D. Street Lighting	15	Amend Sign Bylaw to allow more illuminated signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend the City's Sign Bylaw to allow businesses to have more illuminated signs as a means of creating more street light, e.g., allow a business on a corner to have two illuminated signs. Consider amendments to Sign Bylaw to allow for more illuminated signs at street level on shopping streets. In the context that the Sign by-law has recently undergone a major overhaul, with public input. Amendments to be considered in the context of the City of Vancouver Bird Strategy (2020). 	Under consideration, not likely to require funding	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	GM, Development, Buildings and Licensing GM, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability
E. Cleanliness and Maintenance	16	Increase frequency of micro-cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase frequency of street micro-cleaning from twice per week to daily – to clean up blankets, used paper towels, etc., particularly in areas where people experiencing homelessness have slept overnight. 	Under consideration, likely to or will	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	GM, Engineering Services

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing micro-cleaning to this frequency would require a substantial increase to the currently available funding and at the level requested will likely exceed the capacity of the agencies providing the service. Staff are continuing existing service levels for micro-cleaning. 	require incremental City funding		
E. Cleanliness and Maintenance	17	Alternatives to policing in sidewalk cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering and Social Policy staff are engaged with community groups to explore alternatives to police support for sidewalk cleaning. A memo update on this work will be provided to Council in July 2022, to include a report back on the Council motion "Street Care, Not Street Sweeps: Ending Daily Displacement in Vancouver" that was referred back to staff by Council on June 21, 2022. 	Underway	Council Motion	GM, Engineering Services GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services
E. Cleanliness and Maintenance	18	More public washrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of the washroom trailer program in the Downtown South and Downtown East Side. City work on washroom and water as a human right access strategy in 2022. Seek grant funding from senior government to continue to operate the washroom trailer program to early 2023 as washroom/water strategy work advances. 	Underway	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services

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E. Cleanliness and Maintenance	19	Enhance public realm and City infrastructure maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City to undertake more frequent light maintenance to address overflowing garbage cans, chipping paint on light poles, graffiti on City's infrastructure, street furniture falling into disrepair, etc. Current operating budgets allow for small-scale annual work on street amenities improvements. Current funding level for litter cans enables City to maintain existing levels of service. Calling 311 or using VanConnect will generate a work request for overflowing containers. Program budgets and service levels for this category of work were reduced in previous operating budgets, therefore additional budget would be required to increase services levels. 	Under consideration, likely to or will require incremental City funding	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	GM, Engineering Services
E. Cleanliness and Maintenance	20	Sharps containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide public sharps containers on the streets. Responsibility for addressing needles and providing sharps containers rests with VCH. 	N/A	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	N/A
E. Cleanliness and Maintenance	21	More street garbage cans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add more garbage cans where they are needed, and empty garbage cans more regularly so they do no overflow. Staff to identify specific locations to provide additional garbage cans. Additional funding and resources are required to increase the level of service. 	Under consideration, likely to or will require incremental	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	GM, Engineering Services

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				City funding		
E. Cleanliness and Maintenance	22	Create an Adopt a Garbage Can program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Create a program similar to the City's Adopt a Catch basin program, in which a business can commit to maintaining the ongoing cleanliness of an individual street garbage can, or a specific set of street garbage cans. · Additional resources would be required to develop a program such as Adopt a Garbage Can at this time. 	Under consideration, likely to or will require incremental City funding	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	GM, Engineering Services
E. Cleanliness and Maintenance	23	Remove empty newspaper boxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Remove empty/derelict newspaper boxes. · Staff will continue to work with partners for the removal of unused newspaper boxes. 	Underway	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	GM, Engineering Services
E. Cleanliness and Maintenance	24	Increase park cleanliness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Parks and greenspace in urban centres are facing pressure to accommodate a variety of uses amid growing populations and smaller private living quarters. Therefore, parks for many are the back yards or living rooms for those that do not have access to space. · Through the Board of Parks and Recreation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Service levels have been increased at several high use parks to remove garbage, debris and drug paraphernalia 	Underway	Staff Work Plan	GM, Board of Parks & Recreation

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			<p>along with increased washroom servicing to support cleaner and safer parks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Number of park visits by Park Rangers has increased among 19 of the high-priority parks. 			
E. Cleanliness and Maintenance	25	Enforce maintenance requirements for vacant retail properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Enforce City bylaws to ensure business premises are clean, especially for those properties that are vacant and/or awaiting permits. · Three bylaws currently enforced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Graffiti – prohibits graffiti and requires properties to be free of graffiti. – Untidy – sets a standard for a property to be maintained in a neat and tidy condition (keeping with a reasonable standard of the neighbourhood). – Standards of Maintenance – sets a standard for the maintenance to ensure buildings are free from hazards and maintained within acceptable health, fire and building requirements. 	Under-way	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	GM, Development, Buildings and Licensing GM, Engineering Services
E. Cleanliness and Maintenance	26	Decrease permitting wait times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · By decreasing permitting wait times, will create shorter periods of vacant storefronts, and all the associated issues. · The City's Development, Buildings and Licensing (DBL) department's digital transformation project to modernize the City's permit and licensing services, and the City Manager's Task Force to address the permit and licensing application 	Under-way	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	GM, Development, Buildings and Licensing

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			<p>backlog, are both part of the overall effort by the City to improve permit processing times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City does not currently do not have data to validate outcomes the relationship between permit issuance and street cleanliness or associated issues. 			
F. Graffiti Management	27	Reinstate the VPD Anti-Graffiti Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VPD deals with graffiti offences through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrol investigations and Specialty unit investigations e.g., property crime and Neighborhood Policing Team investigations. Community volunteer-based patrols and clean-up projects. Additional funding would create the ability to assign officers to specifically investigate graffiti and similar property crimes. Engineering Services staff through the current Integrated Graffiti Management Program is dedicated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing the graffiti removal contract and supporting business needs with the paint program, mural program, and supplies to partners. Engineering Services staff could partner with VPD to reinstate the task force and associated roles and priorities for the team. Additional funding would be required depending on support needed for VPD's role. 	Under consideration, likely to or will require incremental City funding	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	Chief Constable, VPD GM, Engineering Services

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F. Graffiti Management	28	Implement creative programs to change tagging behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Create dedicated spaces for people learning graffiti art as an alternative to tagging. · Staff have received direction from Council to explore creating dedicated space for a “graffiti wall”. This work is underway in 2022. 	Under-way	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	GM, Engineering Services GM, Development, Buildings and Licensing
F. Graffiti Management	29	Provision of paint to BIAs by private sanitation companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Work with private sanitation companies to reinstate program in which they provided paint to BIAs to clean up graffiti on their dumpsters. · Staff will discuss with the waste management companies whether the practice can be re-established. 	Under consideration, not likely to require funding	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	GM, Engineering Services
F. Graffiti Management	30	Enforce regulations that require private sanitation companies to maintain dumpsters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Enforce existing bylaws that require private sanitation companies to clean graffiti on dumpsters, to maintain the overall cleanliness of dumpsters and the space surrounding each dumpster, including micro-cleaning and power-washing by contractors. · Bylaws are regularly enforced and inspectors are out in the area daily. · For locations of concern, 311 or VanConnect will initiate a work request for follow-up. 	Under-way	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	GM, Engineering Services

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F. Graffiti Management	31	Graffiti cleaning supplies to BIAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City to provide more supplies to BIAs for graffiti cleaning (have been out of stock for past six months). Staff will confirm with BIAs the process for picking up supplies to compliment their efforts. 	Under consideration, not likely to require funding	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	GM, Engineering Services
G. Proactive Measures	32	Review the Downtown Eastside Market model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was recognition that there is a legitimate need for the DTES Street market, but there is now a lot of fencing of stolen goods so it is recommended that staff undertake a review of the Downtown Eastside Market in consultation with the relevant BIAs, to address illegal fencing activity, this is a major problem for Strathcona and Chinatown. The following initiatives are underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Policy staff meet with VPD and operator regularly to address operational concerns of the DTES Street market. Social Policy staff and operator report concerns to VPD. Maintain liaison with BIAs in relation to the DTES Street market. The additional below initiatives are starting on the near term horizon: 	To start on near horizon	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021	GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Social Policy staff to increase liaison with VPD and operator regarding approved or banned items from the market. – Social Policy staff to identify interim location for market in fall 2022 and to work toward implementation of smaller markets in 2022 and beyond. 			
G. Proactive Measures	33	Homelessness response coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Provide oversight, coordination and liaison with residents, and community partners, internal and external agencies with the goal of addressing impacts related to unsheltered homelessness. · The Manager, Homelessness Response Coordination position was recently filled to provide oversight, coordination and liaison with residents, and community partners, internal and external agencies with the goal of addressing impacts related to unsheltered homelessness. · The staff person plays an important role in managing the coordination of responses to unsheltered homelessness in encampments, and the public realm while working alongside other key internal and external partners. The staff person also responds to conflicts between social service providers for people experiencing homelessness and community neighbors when issues and challenges arise. · The staff person will continue to build on existing collaborative partnerships to drive new programs and initiatives, measure outcomes, and carefully monitor progress toward building safe and healthy communities for all residents. 	Under-way	Staff Work Plan	GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services

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G. Proactive Measures	34	MMIWG Calls for Justice response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Policy staff have been working with community representatives and City departments to provide a response to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Inquiry Calls for Justice and also Downtown Eastside Women's Centre's report, Red Women Rising. The Council report on this is planned for July 2022. 	Under-way	Council Motion	GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services
G. Proactive Measures	35	Responding to sexual violence in the service and hospitality sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Policy staff have identified and are proceeding with key actions identified through a working group including industry and nonprofit representatives to respond to sexual violence in the Granville Entertainment District and other parts of Vancouver, and will be reporting back with a memo in July 2022. 	Under-way	Council Motion	GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services
G. Proactive Measures	36	United Nations Safe Cities for Women and Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Policy staff have been working on the Scoping Study that is a requirement for participation in this international coalition, a direction arising from the Women's Equity Strategy. Work has temporarily paused due to staff turnover and capacity to engage in a recruitment while finalizing the work in the MMIWG Calls for Justice. Work is expected to recommence before the end of 2022. 	Temporarily Paused	Staff Work Plan	GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services
G. Proactive Measures	37	Develop an anti-Black racism action plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Related to the direction from Council for staff to report back with "<i>Specific consideration to improve public safety for vulnerable and marginalized people in Vancouver,</i>" throughout the coming year. Staff are working with a community advisory group on an anti-Black racism strategy 	Under-way	Council Motion	GM, ACCS

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			and will provide an interim report to Council in September 2022.			
G. Proactive Measures	38	Support sex worker safety	· Related to the direction from Council for staff to report back with “ <i>Specific consideration to improve public safety for vulnerable and marginalized people in Vancouver</i> ,” through resources allocated as a result of a provincial inquiry recommendations, staff have ongoing work underway to support sex worker safety including a sex worker safety plan and engagement.	Under-way	Council Motion	GM, ACCS
G. Proactive Measures	39	Consideration for the City of Vancouver’s Four Pillars Drug Strategy	· With respect to the direction from Council to report back with “ <i>Consideration for the City of Vancouver’s Four Pillars Drug Strategy</i> ,” staff are currently scoping a review of the Four Pillars Strategy, and will report back to Council with timelines and necessary resources, along with responses to the role of the City in safe supply.	Under-way	Council Motion	GM, ACCS
G. Proactive Measures	40	Supportive housing implementation	· The City partners with BC Housing to implement supportive housing in neighbourhoods across the city. The City has an MOU with BC Housing to deliver 350 supportive housing units through modular construction, several projects are instream.	Under-way	Council Motion	GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services
G. Proactive Measures	41	Support bringing people/animation back to downtown	· With the pandemic, there are far fewer people working and spending time downtown and this is leading to the deterioration of public spaces. Many businesses in the downtown core rely on office workers. Increased support is	Under consideration, likely to	Business Stakeholder Roundtable,	GM, Engineer-

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			<p>needed to further push the return to work downtown and provide people with more reasons to come downtown such as events, festivals, and public art.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular communication is ongoing with BIAs to support their efforts and vision for creating and animating new public spaces. Additional funding would allow staff to work with business and BIAs on their ideas for activation and animation of the downtown public realm. 	or will require incremental City funding	December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	ing Services GM, Arts, Culture and Community Services
G. Proactive Measures	42	Support urban park activation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create new opportunities, through a community development approach, for communities to build connectedness and social belonging through recreation, social, arts and cultural activities at urban parks. Addressing the tensions created around park usage and perceptions of safety due to rapid urban growth. Urban park activations intend to be occurring year round building on the pilot summer urban park activations, which occurred in 2019 and 2021 with positive feedback. Key parks identified for 2022 activations: Andy Livingstone, Strathcona, Smithe and Richards and Grandview. Activities will include Playground Leaders at Smithe and Richards, Skateboard Hosts at Strathcona and Downtown Skate Plaza, recreation, sport, art and culture opportunities in collaboration with Park Board's Decolonization Arts and Culture department and local non-profits. 	Under-way	Staff Work Plan	GM, Board of Parks & Recreation

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff hiring for summer and fall 2022 is complete. Limited staffing secured for 2023. Planning for 2023 park activations is in progress but pending funding confirmations. 			
G. Proactive Measures	43	Team UP – utilising parks to increase access for diverse populations, improve safety, alleviate tensions and increase user experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team UP takes an interdisciplinary, team approach to identifying and addressing immediate needs in key parks while developing innovative ways to work strategically over the long term. Expand park programming and access for diverse populations by activating spaces through arts, recreation, connection to nature and stewardship. Develop strategies to sustain park activations, alleviate tensions, improve safety, and park user experiences. Increase urban park cleanliness through strategic improvements and operational interventions. 	Under-way	Staff Work Plan	GM, Board of Parks & Recreation
G. Proactive Measures	44	Ensure sufficient retail zoning into the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguard retail zoning downtown to preserve small businesses and local culture, which is increasingly under pressure with the addition of shelter spaces in existing retail spaces. Continue advocating to senior government for the replacement of temporary shelters (some in retail zones) with purpose built shelters and more permanent housing options. Economic Development team is monitoring retail space across the City through the annual Storefront Inventory. Staff are pursuing opportunities to increase retail-commercial space, and in particular, to provide at least 0.35 floor space 	Under-way	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 &	GM, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability

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			ratio (FSR) common rental unit space as part of rezoning applications.		May 10, 2022	
H. Partner-ship, Collabor-ation and Advocacy	45	Advocacy to and partnership with the provincial and federal governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with other large Canadian cities to advocate for support to resolve issues related to poverty, mental health and crime, by seeking more resources and support at a district, provincial and/or federal level, including healthcare, government, policing, social services, etc. Since 2020, a total of 8 letters from City Council were sent to provincial and federal governments requesting additional funding and calling for new legislation and policy changes to public safety, street disorder caused by the pandemic, housing and other social services. The City submitted a S(56) Decriminalization Application to Health Canada for an exemption to decriminalize simple possession of illicit substances. Advocated with the BC Urban Mayor's Caucus (BCUMC) for the Province to establish complex care housing with 24/7 wrap around supports for people who have overlapping mental-health challenges, substance-use issues, trauma and acquired brain injuries and experiencing homelessness. Provided feedback to help develop the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Urban Project Toolkit (in process) of mental health and community well-being resources to support municipalities in developing their own mental health strategies and initiatives. Worked with the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) on: 	Under-way	Business Stakeholder Roundtable, December 6, 2021 & Special Council meetings on April 28 & May 10, 2022	GM, Arts, Culture and Com-munity Services CMO

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – City of Vancouver led recommendations to the federal government to tackle entrenched mental health, substance-use, and homelessness issues. – City of Edmonton led recommendations to the federal government to improve community safety and policing practices. – Priorities for the federal 2021 election. · Going forward, staff will continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Advocate to senior levels of government and alongside other cities represented in the BC Urban Mayors' Caucus (BCUMC), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI). – Submit City priorities, funding requests and input on program development to the annual budget consultations from senior levels of government. – Submit advocacy letters on behalf of City Council to advance City priorities. · Support implementation of Province's s56 exemption and review for recommendation to Health Canada regarding the City's exemption application. · Advocate alongside CUI, FCM and the Big City Mayors Caucus, and BCUMC to senior levels of government on outstanding and emerging priorities. 			
H. Partner-ship,	46	Better Together: Neighbourhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · This program is being piloted in the communities of Mt. Pleasant, the Downtown South and Olympic Village. It builds 	Under-way	Staff Work Plan	GM, Arts, Culture

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Collaboration and Advocacy		Collective Action Pilot	<p>on existing partnerships to provide a proactive response to specific neighbourhood concerns/issues, with the aim of increasing community engagement and awareness, and collective problem solving on issues related to the impacts of mental health, poverty, and unsheltered homelessness, recognizing many of these circumstances have their roots in trauma associated with colonialism, racism, and gender-based violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The pilot program will improve access to support services for equity denied individuals and those experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the local neighbourhood. This will be achieved through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enhanced outreach by the City's Homelessness Services Outreach Team. – Increased coordination with local service providers to support people in need. · The pilot program will improve sense of safety and connection for all neighbours and reduce stigma against people experiencing homelessness and other equity-denied people. This will be achieved through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The deployment of a peer-based neighbourhood stewardship program in each of the pilot neighbourhoods that will be delivered through a community partner. The program will support low-barrier employment, neighbourhood and citizen engagement and enhanced liaison with businesses similar to the Chinatown Stewardship Program in operation since 2019. 			and Community Services

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Training for staff of local businesses, community service providers and residents to increase an understanding of the causes and solutions to homelessness and increase overall confidence in the ability to de-escalate a situation with a customer, a neighbour or situations that may arise. Training modules will include (Indigenous Cultural Safety; Non-violent and trauma-informed crisis intervention;. Understanding the impacts of poverty and trauma; Relationship between gender based violence and homelessness; and Mental Health, Addictions and Trauma). · The pilot program will maintain neighbourhood cleanliness. This objective will be achieved through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Work currently being carried out by Engineering through street cleaning grants to enable micro-cleaning in priority areas; public plaza micro-cleaning, BIA micro-cleaning booking to provide access to weekly BIA directed micro cleaning; feces removal. · The pilot program will improve communication between community organizations, such as BIAs, residents associations and service providers, and City Departments. This will be achieved through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The establishment of a Neighbourhood Collective Action Table (NCAT) in each neighbourhood to ensure effective communication, problem solving and work to build positive relationships between service providers and businesses. 			

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H. Partnership, Collaboration and Advocacy	47	Develop a Vancouver Community Safety and Well-Being Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will be reporting back to Council with resources required and proposed timelines for the development of a Vancouver Community Safety and Well-being Strategy. 	Under-way	Council motion	City Manager's Office
H. Partnership, Collaboration and Advocacy	48	Support bringing people/animation back to parks through decolonization, arts, and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous and non-Indigenous artist-led, community-engaged programming in field houses or park spaces. Support for temporary or ongoing events such as Circles Hip Hop Festival, Powwow Nights, and Indigenous Family Night in parks spaces. Interdepartmental collaboration with Park Activation Team to expand park programming and access for diverse populations by activating spaces through arts, recreation, connection to nature and stewardship. Interdepartmental collaboration with Stewardship Team to support projects with Indigenous plant and cultural knowledge keepers and organizations. Develop community partnerships with arts and culture, community health, BIA, post secondary institutions, Indigenous led cultural groups to host projects and programs in parks. Reviewing Arts & Culture agreements, and practices to identify racial discrimination and colonial barriers for Indigenous and BIPOC individuals and communities. 	Under-way	Staff Work Plan	GM, Board of Parks & Recreation

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H. Partner-ship, Collabor-ation and Advocacy	49	Increase park activations and community programming through park partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Environmental stewardship and local food systems – providing ongoing support for land stewardship, education, research and cultural practices. · Park partnerships include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Indigenous plant and cultural knowledge keepers and organizations. – Environmental stewardship organizations. – Community learning gardens and pot-based gardens. – Academic institutions. · Focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increasing connection between partners programming in Downtown and Strathcona area parks to foster peer support. – Hosting conversations and providing resources for trauma-informed safety and wellness, including facilitating access to HSABC training regarding de-escalation and hostile interactions for partners. – Reviewing environmental and local food policies, agreements, and practices to identify racial discrimination and colonial barriers for Indigenous and BIPOC land practices (Ceremonial Fires, Harvesting, Ceremonies) through these documents, processes and partnerships. – Providing public information about the risks of interacting with wild and feral animals, and updating policy and by-laws as needed to reflect these risks (e.g., coyote aversion conditioning, rabbit feeding public information 	Under-way	Staff Work Plan	GM, Board of Parks & Recreation

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			<p>campaign). We also work across teams and departments to manage attractants and root causes of wildlife aggression (e.g., working with Sanitation and Operations to manage food waste).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ensuring that people conducting environmental research, stewardship and local food activities are appropriately insured. – Facilitating portable restroom placement where need is demonstrated. – Developing a permit process for a growing number of unlicensed preschools and summer camps using parks as a venue. 			

ATTACHMENT 2

COUNCIL MOTIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY, JUNE 2020 TO JUNE 2022

REF	MOTION	COUNCIL DIRECTION AS APPROVED BY COUNCIL ("THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED ...")
1	<u>Street Care, Not Street Sweeps: Ending Daily Displacement in Vancouver</u> , June 21, 2022	<p>Note that Council has referred this motion to staff for consideration and response in the planned upcoming report to Council on this matter, recognizing the work underway in this area.</p> <p>A. <i>THAT Council ask staff to continue to engage community partners, specifically the Alternatives to Street Sweeps Working Group (Coalition of Peers Dismantling the Drug War, VANDU, WAHRS, Pivot Legal Society, individuals with lived/living experience) to develop and implement a non-punitive and community-led alternative to Street Sweeps that does not displace people who rely on public space.</i></p> <p>B. <i>THAT Council direct staff to work with the Alternatives to Street Sweeps Working Group to create directives related to the confiscation of belongings from people who rely on public space and systems of accountability for their implementation, in recognition that this practice has continued potential for harmful and discriminatory impacts. These directives must apply to City staff and community based organizations. Best practices include giving at least 24 hours notice of seizure and providing a receipt with details what was taken, and clear instructions on how to retrieve personal belongings.</i></p> <p>C. <i>THAT Council direct staff to identify and develop appropriate storage facilities for DTES community members, along with an appropriate budget item for the 2023 City budget, with a twofold purpose: ongoing storage and storage of justifiably confiscated belongings. These facilities must be secure, easily accessible, of an adequate size, and informed by best practices and cultural safety for people who rely on public space.</i></p> <p>D. <i>THAT Council direct staff to identify how to expand permanent parklets, seating areas, green and blue spaces, hygiene facilities (i.e. washroom trailers), garbage disposal sites, and other public outdoor amenities such as covered cooking facilities, and cultural programming sites throughout the DTES, along with an appropriate budget item for the 2023 City budget, as these are essential public spaces.</i></p> <p>E. <i>THAT Council direct Engineering Services to identify total funds currently allocated to the Vancouver Police Department for street sweeps, and develop a work plan that redistributes these resources and funds to peer-based initiatives that can carry out micro-cleaning initiatives in affected areas.</i></p>

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		<p><i>F. THAT Council ensure all programming and policies that impact Indigenous people are implemented in compliance with UNDRIP, Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, and the City of Vancouver's Reconciliation goals. Council Meeting Minutes, June 21, 2022 23</i></p> <p><i>G. THAT Council instruct staff to examine section 71A of the Streets and Traffic bylaw which prohibits structures on streets and sidewalks and bring recommendations back to Council to make the section consistent with the human and Charter rights of people who have no homes.</i></p> <p><i>H. THAT Council request that the Mayor write to the Province to advocate for the addition of "social condition" as a protected ground in BC's Human Rights Code, as recommended by the Office of the Human Rights Commissioner.</i></p>
2	<u>Free Parking and Other Measures to Address Public Safety and the Revitalization of Chinatown</u> , April 13, 2022	<p><i>A. THAT pursuant to Council direction from November 2020, staff report back on the fee structure and pricing rationale for metered parking in Chinatown relative to other neighbourhoods in the City of Vancouver, with the goal of ensuring they are as competitive as possible while still meeting traffic management goals for turnover and mode share;</i></p> <p><i>FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to develop a six month pilot to mitigate barriers to visiting Chinatown by reducing parking meter fees in non-peak hours to encourage both visitation and curbside turnover; AND</i></p> <p><i>FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to share this direction with EasyPark and specifically for their information and with regard to the City owned-parking at Chinatown Plaza in the interest of considering any parking incentives they may wish to undertake to encourage visitation to Chinatown.</i></p> <p><i>B. THAT Council direct staff to work together with stakeholders, community organizations, the Chinatown BIA, businesses and merchants in Chinatown and engage the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) in consideration for key areas in Chinatown where violent crime, vandalism, property theft and graffiti is most prevalent and report back on recommended mitigation measures before July 2022.</i></p> <p><i>C. THAT Council direct staff to explore and report back before Q4 2022 on the increase in anti-Asian hate crimes, violent crime and property crime, vandalism, and theft in Chinatown and specifically any impact this may have on the City of Vancouver, the Province of British Columbia and Government of Canada's pursuit of a nomination for Chinatown as a UNESCO World Heritage site.</i></p>

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		<p><i>D. THAT Council direct staff to report back on direction given November 25, 2020 through the member motion "Sustaining Vancouver's Chinatown" on reducing barriers to access Chinatown, on simplified and temporary Merchandise Display Permit fee structure and program, and an expedited innovative tenanting and activation strategy for the City-owned Chinatown Plaza.</i></p> <p><i>E. THAT Council direct staff to report back on how the Chinatown Transformation Team can help address public safety and the revitalization of Chinatown and how that work can be prioritized, resourced and supported by the City.</i></p>
3	Prioritizing Public Safety , March 30, 2022	<p><i>A. THAT Council direct staff to organize a Special Meeting of Council, with a focus on hearing presentations from residents, businesses and community delegations and understanding concerns related to public safety and violent crime citywide.</i></p> <p><i>B. THAT Council direct staff to:</i></p> <p><i>i. Invite staff from the following city departments, agencies, and provincial ministries, to participate in this Special Council meeting with a presentation, including but not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>– The City of Vancouver</i> <i>– Homeless Outreach Team and Social Policy</i> <i>– Streets and Sanitation</i> <i>– The Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver Police Board</i> <i>– The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation</i> <i>– Vancouver Coastal Health</i> <i>– BC Housing</i> <i>– Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions</i> <i>– BC Prosecution Service</i> <i>– BC Human Rights Commission</i>

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		<p><i>ii. Schedule this Special Council meeting on a weekday evening in April 2022, advertised to the public, including on social media.</i></p> <p><i>C. THAT Council direct staff, to request the Vancouver Police Department work together with them to develop an action plan and report back to Council no later than June 2022 with information and recommendations to address and mitigate public safety concerns and issues;</i></p> <p><i>FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to utilize the information from the event as part of a cooperative and collaborative approach to scoping the feasibility of a Vancouver Community Safety and Well-being Strategy, which seeks to understand and address the root causes of inequity so that all residents have access to the people, places, programs, services and supports necessary for their safety and well-being</i></p>
4	<u>Working Collaboratively to Become a Restorative City,</u> January 26, 2022	<p><i>A. THAT Council endorse the aspiration of Vancouver becoming a Restorative City, rooted in community wellness, responsibility and safety.</i></p> <p><i>B. THAT Council direct staff to create training opportunities for staff to learn about restorative justice and that they include opportunities to incorporate restorative justice values, principles, and programing in future reports back to Council when applicable.</i></p> <p><i>C. THAT Council commits to having a representative participate in meetings of the Vancouver restorative collective as a stakeholder;</i></p> <p><i>FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to allocate up to \$200,000 of one-time funding of the \$600,000 budgeted in 2022 for community safety initiatives emerging out of Council-directed priorities to support the creation of a community led restorative justice program in Vancouver and to deliver restorative justice training for City staff.</i></p>
5	<u>Public Safety: Evaluating and Addressing Any Impacts of City of Vancouver Actions on Neighbourhood</u>	<p><i>A. THAT Council direct staff to host and facilitate a roundtable, inviting community stakeholders, industry associations, and Business Improvement Associations (BIAs) to each select a few members to share concerns or perspectives on increased property crime, theft and violent shoplifting;</i></p> <p><i>FURTHER THAT representatives from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, and Housing, Ministry for Mental Health and Addictions, the Ministry for Social Development and Poverty Reduction,</i></p>

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	Safety , October 5, 2021	<p><i>Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Coastal Health and BC Housing, also be invited to this roundtable;</i></p> <p><i>AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council with a summary and any recommendations before the end of Q4 2021.</i></p> <p><i>B. THAT Council direct staff to request on behalf of Council to the Vancouver Police Department (VPD), responsible for the Community Policing Centres Budget, to consider and report back with options for resident participation in safety measures and programs, especially in neighbourhoods experiencing high levels of violent crime;</i></p> <p><i>FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to request on behalf of Council that the Vancouver Police Department share monthly updates to Council members on serious crime and violent crime in Vancouver.</i></p> <p><i>C. THAT Council direct staff to approach staff in the appropriate ministries, including the Ministry for Mental Health and Addictions, the Ministry for Social Development and Poverty Reduction and BC Housing, and request funding for centres such as Redfish Healing Centre be considered for transitional and supportive housing in the City of Vancouver.</i></p> <p><i>D. THAT Council invite the BIAs and the Vancouver Police Department to co-sign a letter from the Mayor on behalf of Council strongly urging the federal and provincial governments to provide dignified housing with access to supportive services including mental health supports as well as addictions management and treatment services, and operating expenses for all homeless people in Vancouver, starting with the approximately 700 who have no access even to shelters.</i></p>
6	Mitigating and Managing Nuisance Graffiti in Vancouver , May 27, 2021	<p><i>A. THAT Council recognize that the increase in street tagging style graffiti in particular has increased during the pandemic, and put a significant burden on small businesses and BIAs already struggling with pandemic recovery.</i></p> <p><i>B. THAT Council direct staff to prepare communications programming to encourage residents and businesses to help manage nuisance graffiti through the City of Vancouver/Dulux Free Paint program for graffiti abatement;</i></p> <p><i>C. THAT Council direct staff to report-back on current enforcement and prevention measures, and opportunities to increase enforcement, identification, and tracking of prolific taggers; including options for</i></p>

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		<p><i>alternatives to fines such as a restitution- /restorative justice-based program or model for graffiti removal in collaboration with relevant arts and community groups and other potential collaboration partners including BIA's; while respecting the temporary moratorium by not tasking DBL in this work; FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back with a communications strategy for public education to highlight the costs and impacts of nuisance graffiti and tagging, as well as fines and penalties for offenses under the by-law.</i></p> <p><i>D. THAT Council direct staff to report back on any temporary exemption from fines and penalties and mitigation strategies for specific owners and/or occupiers of real property who demonstrate they are repeated targets of graffiti, including mechanisms to alert relevant arts and community groups to nuisance graffiti requiring removal and restitution, while respecting the temporary moratorium by not tasking DBL in this work.</i></p>
7	<p><u>Sustaining Public Safety as a Core Service in the City of Vancouver,</u> October 7, 2020</p>	<p><i>A. THAT Council direct staff to organize a professionally facilitated town hall, inviting the Mayor and Council, with a focus on dialogue between residents and community delegations and understanding concerns related to inclusion, health and public safety citywide;</i></p> <p><i>B. FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to:</i></p> <p><i>i. Invite executive staff from the following city departments, agencies, and levels of government, to participate with a presentation, including but not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- The City of Vancouver;</i> <i>- Homeless Outreach Team and Social Policy;</i> <i>- Streets and Sanitation;</i> <i>- The Vancouver Police Department;</i> <i>- The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation; - Vancouver Coastal Health;</i> <p><i>ii. Schedule this town hall on a weekday evening, advertised to the public, including on social media;</i></p>

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8	<u>Decriminalizing Poverty and Supporting Community-led Safety Initiatives</u> , July 27, 2020	<p>A. <i>THAT Council ask the police board to itemize the work they do that is related to mental health, homelessness, drug use, sex work, and the amount of money spent on it, including the number of tickets issued from enforcing related by-laws as well as the cost of this enforcement.</i></p> <p>B. <i>THAT Council ask staff to seek input from BLM, WISH, CCAP, BCCLA, Hogan's Alley Society, Vancouver Aboriginal Transformative Justice Services Society, VANDU, PACE, DTES Women's Centre, Western Aboriginal Harm Reduction Society, Battered Women's Support Services, PIVOT and the John Howard Society, people with lived experience, equity-seeking, and other community groups as well as housing and health providers, social service providers and non-profit societies specializing in human rights, mental health and addictions, about how the City could support existing and future community-based harm reduction and safety services.</i></p> <p>C. <i>THAT Council ask staff to report back as soon as possible with a plan, timeline and budget to de-prioritize policing as a response to mental health, sex work, homelessness, and substance use and to prioritize funding community-led groups, non-profit societies and others with the experience and training to deliver harm reduction and safety initiatives in these areas.</i></p> <p>D. <i>THAT Council directs the Mayor to inform the Vancouver Police Board that it is this Council's priority to respond to mental health, sex work, homelessness, and substance use with initiatives led by community, health agencies, social service providers and non-profit societies rather than policing.</i></p> <p>E. <i>THAT Council direct staff to prepare a written submission with Council's input to the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act, with a special focus on how provincially funded and delivered services must be transformed in order to successfully refocus resources at the municipal level;</i></p> <p><i>FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to report back with proposed recommendations for the aforementioned written submission in Q4 2020 or at a time determined after consulting the Parliamentary Committee Office regarding deadlines for written submissions.</i></p>