

REPORTS

1. **Historical Discrimination Against People of South Asian Canadian Descent June 22, 2022**

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Council heard from 13 speakers who spoke in general support of the recommendations, noting concerns that the recommendations were vague and not a full reflection of the community's voice, along with dissatisfaction with the process, and requested the City do more to support the work.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

- A. THAT Council receive the Report dated June 22, 2022, entitled "Historical Discrimination Against People of South Asian Canadian Descent" as an update of work to date on the development of recommendations to Council to acknowledge and address the historical discrimination and ongoing racism against people of South Asian Canadian descent.
- B. THAT Council endorse staff to continue to work with the Community Advisory Group and community partners to conduct ongoing research including historical research and document analysis, data collection, and broader community engagement to inform development of recommended actions. Funding needed to continue this work will be considered for the 2023 budget process. Council will need to deprioritize an existing initiative to free up existing funding or approve additional property tax to fund the initiative.
- C. THAT Council endorse staff to advance work on the following Action While Planning priorities identified by the community:
 - i. As part of ongoing interdepartmental work with Punjabi Market, explore the steps and resources that may be needed in formally recognizing Punjabi Market as a historically and culturally significant area and report back on feasibility and considerations in the final report;
 - ii. Identify priorities with regard to the creation and preservation of South Asian Canadian community spaces in Vancouver in response to erasure and loss of cultural heritage and include recommendations in the final report; and
 - iii. Prepare for a secondary street re-naming after the Komagata Maru, to be implemented after the completion of the Commemoration Policy and work with the community to explore other opportunities to commemorate areas

of historical and cultural significance to the South Asian Canadian community in Vancouver.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT B be amended as follows:

- i. Strike the words “considered for” and replace with the words “included in”;
 - ii. Strike the words “Council will need to deprioritize an existing initiative to free up existing funding or approve additional property tax to fund the initiative”;
 - ii. Add the words “, amplified by the results of staff’s work to garner other funding, especially from senior levels of government.”, at the end of the clause; to read as follows:
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08634)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Wiebe

THAT C (ii) be amended by inserting the words “and culturally relevant businesses” between the words “spaces” and “in”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08635)

Following debate, the amended motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 08636).

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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**2. Debenture Program 2022
June 21, 2022**

- A. THAT Council authorize the issuance of up to \$120 million of City of Vancouver debenture, utilizing borrowing authorities approved as part of the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 Capital Budgets as follows:

Borrowing authorities from the 2019 - 2022 Capital Plan:

Street and bridge infrastructure	\$	25,000,000
Street lighting, traffic signals and communications systems	\$	25,000,000
Technology projects	\$	7,500,000
Maintenance of community and civic facilities	\$	42,750,000
Renovations of community and civic facilities	\$	5,000,000
Maintenance and renovations of parks	\$	7,500,000
Replacement of existing community facilities	\$	2,500,000
Replacement of existing civic facilities	\$	<u>4,750,000</u>
Total:	\$	<u>120,000,000</u>

- B. THAT, until the borrowing authorities established pursuant to A above are exercised, the Director of Finance be empowered to act and instruct the City's bank syndicate to proceed with the issuance of the debenture with a coupon rate of 3.7% and a term of 10 years.