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Dear Mayor and Council,

Staff have reviewed the [2023 LMLGA Convention Resolution Book and Program](#). Please see the attached document for a 2023 LMLGA Resolutions Package that staff have prepared for your reference during the conference. The package is comprised of two sections:

- Section one** - summary of Provincial Minister profiles for your reference
- Section two** - CoV staff recommendations and comments on LMLGA conference resolutions. Staff comments can be found in blue. If you have any questions, please contact the applicable staff liaison.

A summary of CoV staff voting recommendations is found below for quick reference.

Resolution #	Title	Voting Recommendation
R1	Expanding Property Transfer Tax Exemptions	Endorse
R2	Municipal Authority for Empty Homes Tax	Endorse
R3	Incentives for Heat Pumps and Other Climate Resilient Retrofits In Multi-Residential Buildings	Endorse
R4	Provincial Government Re-Established as Diking Authority	Decline to Endorse
R7	Sustainable Canadian Local Governments Asset Management Fund	Endorse
R8	Creation of Independent Municipal Ethics Commissioner	No recommendation
R9	Equitable Communities	Endorse with amendments
R10	Exception to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Exemption to Address Illicit Drug Use in Spaces for Children and Youth	No recommendation
R11	Provincial Funding for Municipal Medic Trucks	No recommendation
R13	Review of Benefits for People with Disabilities	No recommendation
R14	Rights of Tenants Facing Displacement Through Redevelopment	No recommendation
R15	Supporting Non-Profit Ownership of Non-Market Housing In Air Space Parcels	No recommendation
R16	Vacant Property Tax on Commercial Properties	Endorse
R17	Advocacy for Pet Friendly Housing	No recommendation
R18	Updating the Strata Property Act to Include Allowances for Heat Pumps and Other Mechanical Cooling Systems	Endorse
R19	Requirement for Cooling in Rental Units	No recommendation
R20	Large Infrastructure Project Impacts on Housing Crisis	No recommendation
R21	Provincial Cannabis Tax Sharing with Local Governments	Endorse
R22	Large Infrastructure Project Impacts on Public Safety	No recommendation

R23	Working Committee for Flood Disasters	Endorse
R24	Understanding BC Hydro's Electrification Capacity	Endorse
R25	eGaming Revenue Distribution	No recommendation
R26	Casino Revenue Sharing in Regional Districts	No recommendation
R27	Permissive Tax Exemptions for Religious Organizations	No recommendation
R28	Bringing Equity to Traffic Enforcement	No recommendation
R29	Personal Leaves for Elected Officials	No recommendation
R30	Varied Taxation Rate for Residential (Class 1) Properties	Do not endorse
R32	Exemptions for Elections Workers	Endorse
R33	R33 Extending Election Nomination Period	Endorse with amendments
R34	Public Funding of Municipal Election Campaigns	No recommendation
R35	Moving Away from Fossil Fuel Sponsorships	Endorse

Best,
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**2023 LMLGA AGM
PACKAGE
VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL**

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Section 1: B.C. Minister Profiles





**Honourable
David Eby**

Biography

- Elected: 2013 and re-elected in 2017 and 2020
- MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey
- Previous Portfolios:
 - Minister of Housing
 - Attorney General
- Before entering politics, the Premier was a lawyer in the Downtown East Side.
- The Premier was a adjunct professor of law at UBC, president of the HIV/AIDS Legal Network and served on the BCCDC Foundations of Health and Social Development Committee
- Was the Executive Director of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association from 2009-2013.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Request the Province to increase funding in support of low-income and social housing, specifically:
 - Invest up to \$400M (40% of \$1B) over 10 years in partnership with all levels of government, local First Nations, urban Indigenous partners and community stakeholders to end reliance on Single Room Occupancy Hotels as low-income housing by redeveloping, renovating or replacing these buildings with shelter-rate social housing in and outside the DTES.
- Work collaboratively with the CoV to ensure that funding programs reflect the economic realities faced by large cities like Vancouver to deliver affordable housing – such as higher construction and operating costs, costs to address climate adaptation, and greater subsidies needed due to high rents. Typically, no single program is enough to support entire projects, so cities and partners are patch-working solutions to get projects off the ground.
- Vancouver is ready and willing to enable new housing supply in partnership with the provincial, and federal, government and to create complete communities.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

The Housing Vancouver Strategy

- 10-year housing strategy focused on creating the right supply of housing; protecting renters and preventing speculation.
- Includes a 10-year target of 72,000 new homes, including 20,000 market and below-market purpose-built rental homes and 12,000 non-market homes. The City has made substantial progress toward the Housing Vancouver 10-year targets. As of Q3 2022, Vancouver had approved over 34,000 new homes, 47% of the overall 10-year target of 72,000 units.

Vancouver is leading the way in creating new housing supply, but there are challenges:

- Vancouver is leading the region in new housing supply - As of February 2023, about 11,500 new homes were under construction in Vancouver, the highest number in the region. Following our Housing Vancouver Strategy, we've also been shifting our supply response towards what we call the Right Supply. This means more rental and non-market housing. Out of the 11,500 homes currently under construction, over 5,000 is rental housing – by far the highest number of rental units under construction in the region.
- The level of new construction is coming in part due to record high approvals of new supply from the City of Vancouver. Just last year, Vancouver was on track to post the highest approvals numbers in recent years, with more than 10,700 new homes approved (data as of Q3 2022, updated data coming in April), including over 3,700 new purpose-built rental units (with over 600 below-market rentals) and almost 1,300 new non-market housing units
- Challenges include: shift to more rental and non-market housing is making it hard to pay for the costs of infrastructure and amenities to support growth. We've typically relied on development contributions from condo developments to do that. In addition, while the City can use its regulatory tools to enable housing supply, affordability in new housing is really challenging and requires funding partnerships.



**Honourable
Pam Alexis**

Biography

- Elected in 2020
- MLA for Abbotsford-Mission
- Served as a school trustee from 2005-2011.
- Served as Mission City Councillor from 2014-2018.
- Current Cabinet Committees:
 - Committee on Economy
- From 2014-2020, she sat on the Abbotsford-Mission Joint Shared Services Committee and the Fraser Valley Regional District executive committee.
- Before entering politics the Minister was on the Mission Chamber of Commerce Board and VP of the BC Winter Games from 2012-15.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

Climate Change

- The City has set a bold target to cut carbon pollution in half by 2030, and to be carbon neutral before 2050.
- Support for green rainwater infrastructure and the urban forest by providing \$10M to fund green rainwater infrastructure and new street trees in Vancouver.
- Urban forests and natural areas are the most effective natural carbon sequestration assets in the city and offer significant unrealized potential for combating climate change.

Infrastructure

- Invest \$112M over four years to sewer and drainage upgrades in order to support housing and commercial growth.
- Invest an additional \$100M to rehabilitate aging facilities and infrastructure.
- Invest \$75M for seismic upgrades for Cambie and Granville St. bridges.
- Invest \$55M for active transportation infrastructure (i.e. walking, cycling).

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- The City of Vancouver recognizes that Urban Agriculture makes an extremely valuable contribution to the well-being of its citizens and the resiliency and sustainability of the city as a whole. In fact, "growing more food in the city" was identified as one of the highest priority actions in the Greenest City 2020 Action Plan.
- Council encourages growing food in the city, because it helps to:
 - Encourage increased social interaction
 - Enhance the city's food security and reduce our ecological footprint by encouraging more locally grown foods
 - Support and encourage environmentally and socially sustainable activities
- The City of Vancouver and Vancouver Park Board support community gardens as part of our commitments under the Vancouver Food Strategy and the Local Food Action Plan. There are currently over 110 community gardens and orchards in City parks, on schoolyards, and on private property in Vancouver. There is even a community garden at City Hall.
- The Park Board prioritizes collaborative and shared gardening to maximize access to valuable green space. The Park Board will support the development of urban agriculture in the Vancouver park system through the following means:
 - Providing access to information on the development and operation of urban agriculture projects and helping facilitate a process to determine their feasibility.
 - Making connections between project proponents and other potential partners.
 - Assisting interested groups in searching for suitable land for the development of urban agriculture projects.
 - Helping to connect project proponents to appropriate landowner, if not the Park Board.

Minister's Mandate Letter



Date Issued: December 7, 2022

As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Continue work on the recommendations of the Food Security Task Force and take steps to make B.C. a leader in agricultural innovation, resilience, and food security in the face of emerging challenges of supply chain disruption, global inflation, rising costs, and the impacts of climate change.
- Work with Indigenous Peoples on agricultural initiatives identified by them to support their interests in economic development, food security, and community building across the province.
- Work with the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness to support the resilience of B.C.'s food system through an emergency preparedness strategy for food security.
- Grow our economy, reduce costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase food security for British Columbians by working with partners to increase food processing in B.C. while increasing innovation in food processing in the province, and supporting export opportunities.
- Work with industry to identify agricultural best practices that reduce carbon pollution and support their adoption across the sector so that agricultural innovation can continue to be a key part of our province's efforts to reduce carbon pollution.
- Ensure government has all of the information required regarding land use in the Agricultural Land Reserve to support partnerships with farmers, industry, and government in developing long-term planning and food security in the province.
- Continue to support the Grow BC, Feed BC, and Buy BC programs to encourage greater food security, regional business growth, and access to local food.
- Support the work of the Minister of Education and Child Care to integrate Feed BC into expanded school meal programs.



**Honourable
Niki
Sharma**

Biography

- Elected in 2020
- MLA for Vancouver-Hastings.
- Previous Portfolio: Parl Sec for Community Development and Non-Profits
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Treasury Board
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Legislative Review Committee
- The Minister practiced law with a focus on representing Indigenous people, including residential school survivors.
- Ms. Sharma was elected to the board of VanCity Credit Union serving as Vice-Chair.
- Served as Chair of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

COV Funding & Policy Priorities

Affordable Housing:

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- Commit early to fund priority social housing projects serving at-risk and systemically marginalized populations (e.g. Women's Legacy Project, 3475 E Hastings St and 525 Powell St).
- Vancouver is requesting that the Government of BC partner to create a 24-hour respite facility in the DTES that will provide support to people experiencing intoxication and/or mental episodes that don't require hospitalization.
- That the provincial government invest funding for dedicated healing and wellness spaces for Indigenous Peoples.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- There has been increasing concern from the public about street disorder, safety issues, and randomized crime. The City cannot address these complex social issues without additional support and policy levers from the Government of BC.
- Violent crime in 2022 increased by 4.1% year-over-year and 12% compared to the 2017-2019 pre-pandemic average.
- The VPD is insufficiently resourced to address drug addiction, overdoses, and mental health issues. At its core, these are health issues and not criminal justice issues that require a more comprehensive response from mental health professionals, community support groups, and senior levels of government.

Crime and the Downtown East Side

- The VPD has noted a significant increase in violent offences associated to those within the encampment zone, as well as an increase in weapons being used in the commission of crimes.
- The VPD has expressed concern about the escalating threat of violence, which includes:
 - 9% increase in all assaults in the eight months the encampment has been in existence (July 1, 2022 – present).
 - 13% increase in assaults Level II & Level III (serious).
 - 42% increase in assault on a police officer files (July 1, 2022 –present) and an 89% increase in assault police officer files compared to the same time the previous year.
- As the MLA for Vancouver-Hastings, the City appreciates your support to advance investments to replace SROs with self-contained supportive housing.

Minister's Mandate Letter



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As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Continue to work with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Indigenous communities and the BC First Nations Justice Council to advance the First Nations Justice Strategy.
- Continue to move forward to support the judiciary in the modernization of B.C.'s courts and legal processes to make it easier for the public to navigate our justice system and to better support victims and families.
- Work with community partners, including B.C.'s Human Rights Commissioner, to develop and pass an Anti-Racism Act to better serve everyone in B.C.
- In collaboration with the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity, take steps to address non-consensual disclosure of intimate images.
- Support the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and the work of the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to build safe and healthy communities through implementation of the Safer Communities Action Plan.
- Support all ministries to deliver initiatives listed in the Action Plan required by the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, to keep building strong relations based on recognition and implementation of the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples protected in Canada's constitution.



**Honourable
Mitzi Dean**

Biography

- Elected: 2017 and re-elected in 2020
- MLA for Esquimalt-Metchosin
- Previous Portfolios: served as Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity
- Current Cabinet Committees:
 - Treasury Board
 - Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives
 - Cabinet Working Group on Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness
- Before moving to Victoria in 2005, worked for the UK's National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Provide \$12.6M in funding to complete the new Indigenous Centre that will include a childcare center, and which will replace the Urban Native Youth Centre's current building.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- CoV will continue to support the implementation of a senior government-led universal childcare system over the next decade.
- Childcare is vital to life in our city. Childcare allows parents to work, receive education and training, and to participate in and contribute to their communities.
- Childcare helps to give children a good start in life, setting them up to thrive in the classroom and improved lifelong physical and mental health.
- The City provides a range of sport, fitness, arts, education and social activities for all ages and skill levels. Our community centres also offer day camps during school holidays and Professional Development Days.
- CoV hired an Indigenous Planner in 2020 that drafted a response to the MMIWG2S+ report that overlap with MCFD's mandate to improve services and care for Indigenous families, youth and children. The report was presented to Council in July 2022.
- The City is now looking to finalize a cross-departmental implementation plan that includes, among other things:
 - Development of an evaluation plan that creates accountability for City's actions.
 - Organizational commitment to the Seven Principles and embedding these
 - Principles into how the City works with for Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples.
 - Developing performance objectives for all staff to develop specific knowledge and understanding MMIWG2S in the organizational competencies section under a broader framework of Reconciliation.

Minister's Mandate Letter

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Since 2020, our government has made considerable progress on important initiatives including:

- Expanding and extending supports for young adults transitioning from government care to independence.
- Reducing the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in care and working with Indigenous partners and the federal government to reform the child welfare system, including through new legislation that respects and upholds the inherent rights of Indigenous communities to provide their own child and family services.
- Supporting children, youth, and families through the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you continue to make progress on items in your previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Engage in deeper consultation with parents and caregivers, First Nations, Indigenous Peoples, communities, experts and practitioners, and other stakeholders with lived experience to build a better system of supports for children and youth with support needs.
- Continue work to expand supports for young adults transitioning from government care to support their transition to independence.
- Implement B.C.'s historic legislation on Indigenous jurisdiction over child welfare and continue to address and reduce the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in government care.
- Continue improving B.C.'s in-care system to ensure that it meets the unique needs of every child and youth.

Minister of Citizens' Services



**Honourable
Lisa Beare**

Biography

- Elected: 2017 and re-elected 2020
- MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
- Previous Portfolios: Deputy House Leader, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture
- Current Cabinet Committees:
 - Legislative Review Committee
 - Cabinet Committee on Economy
- Elected as a member of school board in 2014, passionate about education access and literacy.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- N/A

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- CoV supports the implementation of the BC Anti-Racism Data Act (passed in June, 2022) to help identify and address systemic racism in government programs and service
- CoV's recent staff report providing an update on MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice and Red Women Rising Report recommends improving race-based data in all government agencies collection by:
 - Creating ethical standards using an Indigenous, gender-based analysis for engagement, data collection storage, including, consent and transparency when engaging with Indigenous peoples.
 - Following ethical principles of ownership of data that Indigenous communities have put forward as best practice.
- We are always looking at ways to better serve our residents. We know that the time it takes to process and issue permits is an area of concern in our current environment where we have an urgent need for need for housing.
 - In February of this year, we launched ePlan that allows people to pay and receive permits electronically. This latest update is part of the City's Permitting Improvement Program, designed to digitally transform and streamline the permitting process.

Minister's Mandate Letter



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Since 2020, our government has made considerable progress on important initiatives including:

Adapting to the changing context of COVID-19 to ensure British Columbians have access to government services.

- Expanding high-speed internet to rural, remote, and Indigenous communities, with more than 570 communities already benefitting from projects underway.
- Expanding the pro-active disclosure of government information.
- Improving government procurement processes that deliver benefits for people, businesses, and communities.

As you continue to make progress on items in your previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Continue to expand the use of cross-government data to increase evidence-based decision making and better inform policy and programs for our key priorities, building on government's Data Innovation Program.
- Work with partners and the public to modernize government services and leverage best-in-class digital tools that enhance cross-sector coordination, and provide services that are efficient, equitable, and prioritize user experience.
- Continue to improve how procurement processes deliver benefits for people and businesses in communities across the province.
- With support from the Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, continue work to help dismantle systemic racism and improve access to government programs and services for Indigenous, Black, and other people of colour by implementing the Anti-Racism Data Act.
- Begin the work to address barriers to effective use of data in delivering services to British Columbians more efficiently and effectively.



**Honourable
Rachna
Singh**

Biography

- Elected: 2017 and re-elected 2020
- MLA for Surrey-Green Timbers
- Previous portfolios: Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives.
- Ms. Singh was previously the convener of the Special Committee to Appoint a Police Complaint Commissioner, as well as the Special Committee to Appoint a Conflict of Interest Commissioner.
- Ms. Singh moved to Canada in 2001 and before entering politics worked as a drug and alcohol counsellor, support worker for women facing domestic violence and community activist.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Provide \$12.6M in funding to complete the new Indigenous Centre that will include a childcare center, and which will replace the Urban Native Youth Centre's current building.
- A new consistent and reliable Provincial funding stream is needed to maintain municipally owned childcare facilities, and to replace them at the end of their life.
- Increase the maximum capital contribution under the New Spaces fund from its current level of \$40,000 per childcare space to a minimum of \$200,000 per space.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- The City's capital plan contemplates investing \$136M over four years for new and existing childcare assets/amenities.
- CoV will continue to support the implementation of a senior government-led universal childcare system over the next decades.
- Childcare is vital to life in our city. Childcare allows parents to work, receive education and training, and to participate in and contribute to their communities. Childcare helps to give children a good start in life, setting them up to thrive in the classroom and improved lifelong physical and mental health.
- The current supply of child care in Vancouver currently meets 43% of the needs for those aged 0-12 (as of Q1 2022)
- In 2002, CoV adopted a new childcare strategy to plan for expanded childcare access as an essential component of the health and well-being of children and families. That strategy focuses on three things:
 - Supporting Indigenous children and families
 - Ensuring equitable access to quality childcare
 - Supporting renewal and resilience in our childcare infrastructure
- Vancouver's school enrollment is oversubscribed in most areas, and ranges across the city from 70% - 200% capacity. CoV would like the Province to commit to funding Olympic Village School and expanding Henry Hudson Elementary (next to Señákw).

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As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Continue to work with Boards of Education to ensure all students have the supports they need to be successful.
- To help make sure students are properly fed for learning, expedite work with school districts to create more local school meal programs based on district data and priorities, and work with the Minister of Agriculture and Food to integrate Feed BC into this plan so that districts can include locally grown food.
- Deliver targeted investments to help make sure students have the classroom supplies they need to succeed, so parents and teachers don't have to pay the full cost out-of-pocket.
- With support from the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility, continue providing supports to children and youth with disabilities and special learning needs.
- Continue to invest in new and modernized schools, including focusing on meeting seismic requirements, increasing childcare spaces, and achieving climate change and energy efficiency standards as set out in our CleanBC plan.
- Work with staff, Boards of Education, teachers, parents, students, and other stakeholders to identify and address issues of racism in our education sector.
- Support the Minister of State for Child Care by working toward universal access to before and after school care, continuing to build spaces on school grounds, and finalizing development of a capital plan for childcare.
- Work with the Minister of Children and Family Development and support the work of the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to continue our government's commitment to addressing mental health problems early by expanding Integrated Child and Youth Teams to 20 school districts.

Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness



**Honourable
Bowinn Ma**

Biography

- Elected: in 2017 and re-elected in 2020
- MLA for North Vancouver-Lonsdale
- Previous Portfolio: Minister of Education, Minister of State for Infrastructure
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Environment and Land Use
 - Social Initiatives
- Before being elected, Bowinn managed terminal expansion and redevelopment projects at the Vancouver International Airport.
- Served as parliamentary secretary for Translink and chair of the Select Committee on Crown Corporations.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Commit \$112M over four years for growth-enabling infrastructure, including sewer and drainage upgrades along Broadway and other major areas.
- Secure \$100M over four years to rehabilitate aging amenities in a financially sustainable and resilient manner.
- Commit \$75M for seismic upgrades and rehabilitation for Cambie and Granville St. Bridges.
- Commit \$55M to build active transportation corridors and complete streets.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- By 2050, we are expecting hotter, drier summers, wetter falls and springs, and warmer winters. Extreme weather events will be more frequent and intense, and sea level rise is anticipated to be 1 meter by 2100.
- The CoV has an ambitious Climate emergency Action Plan that sets a path for the City to reduce carbon pollution by 50% by 2030 and be carbon neutral by 2050.
- Of the \$3.5B strategic investments contemplated in the Capital Plan, over 55% is dedicated for asset maintenance and renewal. This is equivalent to ~\$480M of annual capital maintenance, upgrade & renewal funding, supported by an inflation-adjusted increase in City funding of ~8% per annum from the current Capital Plan.
- CoV has an infrastructure deficit of ~\$500M annually. Based on an estimated replacement value of \$34B, there is a need to invest ~\$800M to maintain our assets in a state of good repair. Compared to the ~\$300M asset renewal funding per annum in the 2019- 2022 Capital Plan, we need an intentional, multi-decade funding strategy to address the growing infrastructure deficit.
- The CoV's Capital Plan contemplates a 35% budget increase (from the 2019-2022 Capital Plan) to advance the Climate Emergency Action Plan, the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, and for additional climate mitigation and adaptation benefits.

Minister's Mandate Letter



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As a new ministry with responsibility to oversee delivery of our government's work on these important files, over the remaining period of this mandate I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Support urgent coordinated government response to communities in times of emergency and review systems to ensure they are prepared for urgent response, incorporating lessons learned from previous emergencies.
- Complete work to co-develop and introduce modernized emergency management legislation that aligns with our government's commitments to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, to strengthen our ability to protect people and communities from disasters and emergencies.
- In partnership with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, and in consultation with communities and Indigenous Peoples, advance B.C.'s commitments to the Sendai Framework by leading the development of a provincial hazard risk vulnerability assessment that builds on B.C.'s Preliminary Strategic Climate Risk Assessment and integrates climate and disaster risk. This will support development of a subsequent province-wide disaster and climate risk reduction plan that assesses risk priorities and systematically coordinates and implements cross-government interventions consistent with those priorities.
- Establish Indigenous Peoples as true partners and leaders in emergency management by including First Nations from the beginning and at all levels of planning, decision making, and implementation.
- Lead cross-ministry coordination for our government's work to enhance B.C.'s resilience, such as our work through the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy, the BC Flood Strategy, and other cross-government efforts, including work to build back better from recent disasters by:
 - Providing guidance to ministries delivering risk reduction and resilience initiatives regarding prioritization of efforts to help ensure that investments align with risk assessments; and
 - Improving transparency and awareness of these initiatives and their impacts by developing new tools for the public to access information on existing risks and work to improve resilience.

Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation



**Honourable
Josie
Osborne**

Biography

- Elected: 2020
- MLA for Mid Island-Pacific Rim
- Previous Portfolio: Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister for Land, Water and Resource Stewardship.
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Treasury Board
 - Environment and Land Use
 - Economy
- Mayor of Tofino from 2013-2020 and served as Chair and Vice-Chair for the Alberni Clay.
- Chaired the Tofino Housing Corporation, Chair of the Board for the Island Coastal Economic Trust.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Provide additional funding help the City align with TransLink and Metro Vancouver's Driving Down Emissions project, which is determining the preferred policy pathway to reduce emissions from light duty vehicles (LDVs) by 65% by 2030.
- CoV encourages the Province to support changes to the Motor Vehicle Act and safety for vulnerable modes of transportation (walking / cycling)
- We support the Province's recent investment of \$100M in Active Transportation funding over the next three years. It is a good start but we know the need is great and that improving the mobility of residents throughout our community is an important strategy to addressing climate change.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- In line with international recommendations, the City has set a goal of reducing carbon pollution by 50% by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions before 2050. The City will need significant senior government leadership, resourcing, and use of new policy levers to help the City achieve its objectives and those laid out in CleanBC.
- We know that approximately 40% of carbon pollution in Vancouver comes from burning gas and diesel in our vehicles.
- The City intends to further electrify its civic fleet of vehicles (from 12% to 25% of total), including police, fire and rescue vehicles.
- Furthermore, our policies will be working to ensure that 50% of the kilometers driven on Vancouver's roads will be zero emissions vehicles by 2030.
- The City seeks to further collaborate with senior levels of government to increase vehicle charging capacity to expand home and workplace electric vehicle charging and are keen to learn more about the province's plans to bring forward "right to charge" legislation.
- The City plans to transition to zero emissions buildings in all new construction by 2030. To achieve this, we are setting limits on emissions and energy use in new buildings, and will reduce these limits over time.
- We were pleased to see a commitment in the provincial budget to invest \$100 million for active transportation projects over the next three fiscal years and look forward to learning more about how the CoV can access that funding.

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As you continue to make progress on items in your previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Drive delivery of your ministry's CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 policies and programs on time and on target to help ensure we meet our legislated GHG goals.
- Develop targeted programs to support clean energy and efficiency upgrades for low-income and rental housing that will help reduce emissions while making our homes more comfortable and affordable, with support from Ministers of Housing, Environment and Climate Change Strategy, and Social Development and Poverty Reduction.
- Develop and implement a climate-aligned energy framework for B.C. with an overall goal of maximizing our province's production of clean energy to use at home and for export.
- Improve timing and transparency of permitting processes to support sustainable economic development while maintaining high levels of environmental protection, aligned with cross-government work on permitting led by the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.
- Work with BC Hydro to implement its Electrification Plan and to ensure the province is well positioned to electrify B.C.'s economy and industry, including options for Indigenous ownership and/or equity interest in BC Hydro infrastructure and Indigenous partnership in clean energy projects.
- Work with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to develop policies and regulations that meet B.C.'s 2030 sectoral and methane targets for the oil and gas sector while ensuring alignment with the federal cap on oil and gas emissions.
- In collaboration with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, complete the Clean Transportation Action Plan to support shifts to sustainable modes of travel, advance modern transportation systems, and help meet our ambitious greenhouse gas targets for the transportation sector.
- Work with the BC Utilities Commission to identify an appropriate role for the Commission in supporting B.C.'s clean energy transition, in alignment with our province's climate goals to achieve net zero by 2050 and affordability objectives.
- Review and identify opportunities to transition fossil fuel subsidies to the clean tech and clean energy sectors.
- Support B.C.'s mining sector by launching the Mining Innovation Hub and expedite a provincial critical minerals strategy that positions British Columbia to take advantage of the emerging clean global economy.
- Advance the co-development of a modernized Mineral Tenure Act with First Nations and Indigenous organizations, in alignment with the DRIPA Action Plan commitment.

Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy



**Honourable
George
Heyman**

Biography

- Elected in 2013 and re-elected in 2017 and 2020.
- MLA for Vancouver-Fairview
- Previous Portfolio: has been serving in current portfolio since 2017.
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Treasury Board
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Environment and Land Use
 - Economy
- Served as the Executive Director of Sierra Club of BC and three terms as president of the BC Government and Service Employees' Union.
- SFU faculty member.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Support for green rainwater infrastructure and the urban forest:
 - Provide \$10M to fund green rainwater infrastructure and new street trees in Vancouver.
- Urban forests and natural areas are the most effective natural carbon sequestration assets in the city and offer significant unrealized potential for combating climate change.
- Commit \$55M to build active transportation corridors and complete streets.
- Support for transit:
 - Fund 40% of UBCx (not just business case but also project construction costs).
- We support the Province's recent investment of \$100M in Active Transportation funding over the next three years. It is a good start but we know the need is great and that improving the mobility of residents throughout our community is an important strategy to addressing climate change

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- The CoV has an ambitious Climate Emergency Action Plan that sets a path for the city to reduce carbon pollution by 50% by 2030 and be carbon neutral by 2050.
- The CoV's Capital Plan contemplates a 35% budget increase (from the 2019-2022 Capital Plan) to advance the Climate Emergency Action Plan, the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, and for additional climate mitigation and adaptation benefits.
- It also contemplates \$720M in climate change-related investments: resilience, adaptation, mitigation and repair.
- Local governments have a key role in Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) but developing an effective program needs provincial level leadership to bring it to scale, as there is substantial upfront and ongoing program efforts and costs.
- In line with international recommendations, the City has set a goal of reducing carbon pollution by 50% by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions before 2050. The City will need significant senior government leadership, resourcing, and use of new policy levers to help the City achieve objectives as laid out by its plans and strategies.
- Support for the Millennium Line Skytrain Extension to UBC (UBCx). Emphasize that Vancouver attracts people from all over the region and see over one million trips per day so UBCx will support more than just Vancouver.

Minister's Mandate Letter

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As you continue to make progress on items in your previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Lead our government's implementation of the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030, on time and on target, including legislating an additional target to reach net-zero province-wide by 2050 while continuing to take action to meet B.C.'s 2030, 2040 and 2050 legislated reduction targets.
- Support the Minister of Finance to chart a path that aligns with the federal carbon price, including measures to support families, small businesses, and industry in B.C. to make the transition to a clean economy while ensuring no one gets left behind.
- Work with the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation to develop policies and regulations that meet B.C.'s 2030 sectoral and methane targets for the oil and gas sector while ensuring alignment with the federal cap on oil and gas emissions.
- Ensure new industries fit within the CleanBC Plan, and that they deliver on the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 commitment that requires new large industrial facilities to submit plans demonstrating how they align with B.C.'s legislated and sectoral targets and how they will achieve net zero emissions by 2050.
- Complete the Plastics Action Plan and set a target date to phase out single-use plastics.
- Deliver the first phase of B.C.'s new bonding policy toward ensuring owners of large industrial projects are bonded moving forward so that they – not British Columbians – pay the full costs of environmental cleanup if their projects are abandoned.
- Continue to implement the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy to help communities, businesses, key public services and infrastructure be prepared for and resilient to our changing climate.
- Work with the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness to develop a provincial hazard risk vulnerability assessment that builds on B.C.'s Preliminary Strategic Climate Risk Assessment and integrates climate and disaster risk. This will support the development of a subsequent province-wide integrated disaster and climate risk reduction plan that assesses risk priorities, and systematically coordinates and implements cross-government interventions consistent with those priorities.



**Honourable
Katrine
Conroy**

Biography

- Elected in 2005 and re-elected in 2009, 2013, 2017, 2020
- MLA for West Kootenays
- Previous Portfolio: Ministry of Forests and Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Treasury Board
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Economy
- Executive Director of Kootenay Family Place. Founding member of the Community Social Services Employers Association.
- Co-chair of the Castlegar and District Social Planning Council.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

CoV submitted three major recommendations in its 2023 Pre-Budget Submission:

- Commit to increase funding over a number of years in support of complete, transit-oriented neighbourhoods that include housing, transit and supporting infrastructure.
- Advance municipal climate action by supporting and increasing financial support for green rainwater infrastructure and the urban forest.
- Increase infrastructure funding for Indigenous-serving cultural infrastructure and capacity funding for engagement with local government to advance Reconciliation.
- Over the long-term, provincial action on Municipal Finance Reform would recognize the evolving and expanded mandate of major urban cities across Canada, and the current inadequate reliance on property taxes.
- It is critical that Vancouver's infrastructure is built for our future prosperity. That is why we are asking the province to commit \$75M for seismic upgrades and rehabilitation for Cambie and Granville St. Bridges.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- In 2021, 25% of the entire Metro Vancouver region's new housing units were located in Vancouver and we anticipate that approximately 86,000 to 136,000 units of housing are required in the next 10 years. Utilities infrastructure (e.g. water, sewer, etc.), transportation networks (regional and local), and amenities such as parks, community centres and libraries, are required to service these new homes.
- Vancouver is facing a growing infrastructure deficit to maintain its growing portfolio of aging assets in a state of good repair. Based on an estimated replacement value of \$34 billion, the City will need to invest approximately \$800 million annually to maintain its assets and will require a multi-decade funding strategy that includes reliable partnership funding from senior levels of government.
- The COV capital budget contemplates \$3.5B of capital investment, of which 55% is dedicated to asset maintenance and renewal and focuses on:
 - Renewing critical aging water and sewer infrastructure
 - Renewing and upgrading aging community, public safety and civic facilities
 - Preserving and creating affordable housing & childcare
 - Advancing climate mitigation and adaptation
- The Federal and Provincial Governments have made significant investments in Vancouver in the areas of affordable housing and childcare, as well as the Millennium Line Broadway Extension that is underway to deliver the economic potential of the second largest employment centre in British Columbia and to enable efficient movement of people and access to jobs. We welcome those investments and partnerships.
- Provincial action on Municipal Finance Reform would recognize the evolving and expanded mandate of major urban cities across Canada, and the current inadequate reliance on property taxes.

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As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

A more fair province:

- Explore additional ways to fight speculation and deliver more homes, including possible strengthening of the Speculation and Vacancy Tax and an effective flipping tax that fights increased costs due to short-term flipping by investors.
- Take action on unexplained wealth orders to target proceeds of crime from high-level organized criminals.
- Explore options and deliver solutions to close loopholes and take enforcement actions against those who are avoiding taxes and driving up the prices of real estate, including closing bare trust loopholes and strengthening the beneficial ownership registry.

A more secure province:

- Continue to deliver cost of living supports for British Columbians in response to global inflation and economic uncertainty.
- With support from the Minister of Housing, establish a Rental Housing Acquisition Fund to support non-profits to purchase affordable rental buildings for sale and protect renters from being displaced from their homes by big corporations.
- With support from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, chart a path that aligns with the federal carbon price, including measures to support families, small businesses, and industry in BC to make the transition to a clean economy while ensuring no one gets left behind.
- Work to deliver the renters' rebate to help bring down costs for renters who need it most.

A stronger province:

- Work with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to identify effective measures to support fast growing communities.
- Work with the Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation to advance and support business innovation, exports, and transition across the province.
- Work with the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development to support economic opportunities in rural, regional, and remote communities.

Minister of Forests



**Honourable
Bruce
Ralston**

Biography

- Elected: 2005 and re-elected in 2009, 2013, 2017, 2022
- MLA for Surrey-Whalley
- Previous Portfolio: Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation
- Cabinet Committees
 - Treasury Board
 - Environment and Land Use
 - Economy
- Ran his own lawn firm in Surrey.
- Served on Surrey City Council from 1988 to 1993

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- N/A

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- N/A

Minister's Mandate Letter



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As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Improve timing and transparency of permitting processes to support sustainable economic development while maintaining high levels of environmental protection, aligned with cross-government work on permitting led by the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.
- Continue work to update and modernize forest policy and legislation to ensure a competitive, sustainable future for communities, Indigenous Peoples, workers, and companies.
- Accelerate the transition of our forestry sector from high-volume to high value production, with fewer raw log exports, more innovative wood products manufactured locally, and support to mills to transition to second and third growth trees.
- Explore options for enhancing BC Timber Sales to support high value production, dedicating a specific portion of the annual allowable cut to producers creating new jobs for workers in B.C.
- With support from the Minister of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship, accelerate implementation of the recommendations of the Old Growth Strategic Review and actions to protect important old growth forests, and complete the old growth strategic action plan in 2023.
- Accelerate work to re-engineer cut block boundaries to maximize old growth protection and ensure supply of timber and fibre for manufacturing and value added processing.
- To advance reconciliation and meet our government's obligations under DRIPA, continue to work toward full partnership with First Nations in managing B.C. forest resources, including through the new revenue sharing model being developed by our government.
- In collaboration with First Nations and with support from the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, complete amendments to the Heritage Conservation Act in line with the DRIPA Action Plan.
- With support from the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, strengthen the BC Wildfire Services focus on wildfire prevention and management year-round, including cultural and prescribed fire.
- Explore options to improve training, retention, and recruitment in B.C. Wildfire Service.
- With support from the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, and in collaboration with local, federal and Indigenous governments, strengthen the province's flood response through the completion of B.C.'s Flood Strategy, and start the work to translate the strategy into action through the BC Flood Resilience Plan.
- With support from the Minister of State for Trade, continue work to protect and create jobs by fighting for a fair deal for B.C. wood products in softwood lumber negotiations with the United States.
- With support from the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, work together with First Nations to complete work to improve the protection and stewardship of forest resources, habitats, biodiversity, and cultural heritage in the Great Bear Rainforest Agreement.



**Honourable
Adrian Dix**

Biography

- Elected: 2005 and re-elected in 2009, 2013, 2017 and 2020
- MLA for Vancouver-Kingsway
- Previous Portfolio: has served as Minister of health since 2020.
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Treasury Board
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Social Initiatives
- Executive Director for the B.C.-Yukon Branch of Canadian Parents for French, a non-profit organization promoting language education
- Chief of Staff to former B.C. Premier Glen Clark from 1996-1999

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Request the Province to increase invest \$126M in support of low-income and social housing, specifically:
 - \$31M for Women's Legacy Project
 - \$31M for 3475 E Hastings
 - \$38M for 525 Powell Street
 - \$25.5M for 1700 E Hastings
- Work with the City and the federal government to replace the SROs in the DTES that are inadequate to address the current social housing crises, and in particular for those that are suffering with mental health and addictions
- Continue to work collaboratively with COV to prevent more drug poisoning and overdose deaths and increase the safe supply for those struggling with addictions.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- Making progress on health, and mental health and social issues can only be achieved by continued close collaboration with senior levels of government, for example, on expanding a safer supply of prescription drugs and decriminalization of illicit substances.
- By health service delivery area, in 2022, the highest rates of death from opioid overdose have been recorded in Vancouver, Thompson Cariboo, Northern Interior, Northwest and Fraser East.
- As of April 9, 2023, 177 people in the City of Vancouver have died from overdose. A total of 2,907+ deaths have occurred in Vancouver since a Public Health Emergency was declared in April 2016.
- Compared to Metro Vancouver overall, City of Vancouver residents are less likely to have a family doctor and to have seen a dentist or received a flu shot.

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As you continue to make progress on items in your previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Continue your work with the Provincial Health Officer to control the spread of COVID-19 in B.C. and prepare our province for any future pandemic, including by continuing to provide free COVID-19 boosters and flu vaccines to all British Columbians.
- Increase the number of British Columbians with access to a doctor by recruiting and supporting more family doctors with the new payment model for family physicians, building new First Nations primary care centres, and building on other methods of delivering health care at the community level in partnership with medical professionals.
- Identify and employ best practices related to data-informed health care programs, working with internal and external experts.
- Continue work to complete all surgeries postponed because of COVID-19 and then implement new targets to reduce surgical wait times in B.C.
- Make British Columbia a leader in the full continuum of cancer care by launching a 10-year cancer action plan and identify near-term opportunities to improve services.
- With support from the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity and in consultation with partners, address gaps in health care services experienced by women, trans, and non-binary people.
- Continue to strengthen ambulance services in urban and rural communities.
- Continue our government's record investments in building and modernizing hospitals in rural and urban communities and work to deliver new facilities as quickly as possible.
- Make prescription contraception free for all.
- With support from the Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors' Services and Long Term Care, continue work to improve care for seniors through investments in new public long-term care homes, work toward eliminating multi-bedrooms in public facilities, improve accountability for private operators of long-term care homes, and expand publicly funded home care.
- With support from the work of the Minister of State for Workforce Development, make it easier and faster for healthcare workers who trained in other countries to work in B.C.'s health care system
- Implement the comprehensive Health Human Resources Strategy to make sure our public health care system has the skilled workers required to provide the care people need now and into the future.
- Support the work of the Minister of Housing to better coordinate services to deliver improved outcomes for people living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, in collaboration with the Ministers of Mental Health and Addictions, Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and Public Safety and Solicitor General, as well as Indigenous Peoples, external partners, and others
- Support the work of the Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives to ensure new measures address systemic racism in the health care system.
- Support the work of the Minister of Post-Secondary and Future Skills to continue to advance work to launch B.C.'s second medical school in Surrey.
- Support the work of the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to continue to lead and accelerate B.C.'s response to the illicit drug toxicity crisis across the full continuum of care: prevention, harm reduction, safe supply, treatment, and recovery.

Minister of Housing



**Honourable
Ravi
Kahlon**

Biography

- Elected: 2017 and re-elected in 2020
- MLA for Delta North
- Previous Portfolio: Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation.
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Legislative Review Committee
 - Economy
 - Caucus Committee on Economy
- Two-time field hockey Olympian for Team Canada and inducted into the Delta Sports Hall of Fame
- Board volunteer for Delta Parks and Recreation Committee and Men's High-Performance Field Hockey BC.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

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 - \$25.5M for 1700 E Hastings
- Work with the City and the federal government to replace the SROs in the DTES that are inadequate to address the current social housing crises.
- Increase the "Right Supply" of housing, focusing on rental, non-market and missing middle housing that meets the needs of low and moderate income households.
- Continue to review and adjust funding programs that reflect the economic realities faced by large cities like Vancouver to deliver affordable housing – like higher construction and operating costs, costs to address climate adaptation, and greater subsidies needed due to high rents.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- Housing is the City of Vancouver's biggest challenge. 44% of renter households pay more than 30% of their income on rent and home ownership is not within reach for most residents who do not already own property.
- Vancouver is facing a serious housing shortage – evidenced by persistent, extremely low rental vacancy rates and high and rising rents and home prices. Rental vacancy rates have hovered around 1% for the past decade or more (with the exception of 2020 during the COVID-19 emergency), whereas a healthy rental vacancy rate is considered to be 3% or more. Vancouver also posted a 7.3% increase in average rents between 2021 and 2022 – among the larger increases we have seen in recent years.
- 40% of Vancouver's jobs are held by workers who commute in from the suburbs, partly because it is difficult for them to find affordable housing options close to where they work. This significantly increases traffic congestion, worsens air quality, strains the road network and reduces productivity for local businesses.
- CoV approved a Housing Vancouver Strategy focussed on:
 - Building more affordable housing and Ensuring the right types of homes are built – homes our residents need and can afford
 - Addressing and limiting the over-inflated cost of land that is driving up housing prices
 - Protecting and renewing existing affordable rental housing across Vancouver
 - Providing housing and support for our most vulnerable residents
 - Streamlining City processes for faster housing development
- The City continues to strengthen strategic partnerships with senior levels of government to support delivery of existing and future housing needs, including capital and operating funding and low-cost financing for the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

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As a new ministry with responsibility to oversee delivery of our government's work on these important files, over the remaining period of this mandate I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Lead work to deliver the refreshed housing strategy with new initiatives that build on work already underway in urban, rural, remote and Indigenous communities. This strategy should:
 - Establish BC Builds to build housing for middle-income families, individuals, and seniors;
 - Ensure timely resolution of landlord/tenant disputes;
 - With support from the Minister of Finance, establish a rental housing acquisition fund;
 - Introduce legislation establishing new tools for local governments to help them better regulate short term rentals in their communities;
 - Introduce laws to legalize secondary suites province-wide and expand the number of units allowed to be built in cities using single-family home development permit processes; and
 - Include an effective flipping tax to fight increased costs caused by short-term flipping by investors.
- Work with Indigenous partners to identify and deliver on Indigenous housing priorities for the province.
- With support from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, lead work across government to simplify and speed up provincial housing approval processes, working toward 'one-stop' provincial permitting – and support municipalities to streamline development approvals through the continued implementation of the Development Approvals Process Review.
- Implement the Housing Supply Act and work with municipalities facing the highest housing needs to set housing targets and fast-track construction and redevelopment of affordable homes for people with a range of incomes.
- Lead government's work to better coordinate services to deliver improved outcomes for people living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, with support from the Ministers of Mental Health and Addictions, Health, Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and Public Safety and Solicitor General, as well as Indigenous Peoples, external partners, and others.
- Expand on the new homelessness supports launched in Budget 2022, including long-term housing to address encampments.
- Support the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to implement transit-oriented development to advance sustainable communities along transit corridors to help achieve our housing and affordability goals, including targets for non-market units and non-profit housing.



**Honourable
Murray
Rankin**

Biography

- Elected: 2020
- MLA for Oak Bay-Gordon Head
- Previous Portfolio: Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing.
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Treasury Board
 - Environment and Land Use
 - Legislative Review Committee
- A lawyer with expertise in environmental, Indigenous, and public law
- Elected and served as the Member of Parliament for Victoria from 2012 until 2019 for the federal NDP.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Request for the Province to increase capacity funding for engagement with local government to advance Reconciliation, specifically:
- Provide \$255,000 annually to cost-match the capacity funding the City is providing to Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation (\$85,000 per Nation per year).
- Invest funding for dedicated healing and wellness spaces for Indigenous Peoples.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples is one of the most important issues of our time. In light of recent municipal, provincial and imminent federal UNDRIP legislation, it is crucial for all levels of government to collaborate and align on policies and adequately fund First Nations capacity and engagement.
- The City is committed to incorporating equity and reconciliation with Indigenous communities into planning, decision-making, and implementation.
- Last year, the City approved its UNDRIP strategy.
- The City will continue to form relationships of mutual respect and understanding with x^wmə θk^wəy əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations and urban Indigenous communities.

Minister's Mandate Letter

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As you continue to make progress on items in your previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Lead work across ministries to implement the Declaration Act Action Plan in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous Peoples, including reporting annually on progress.
- Through the new Declaration Act Secretariat, continue to ensure new legislation and policies are consistent with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.
- Continue to improve our government's relationships with Indigenous Peoples by moving from short-term transactional arrangements to long-term agreements that recognize and support reconciliation, shared decision-making, self-determination, and economic independence, including advancing work to co-develop the new distinctions-based fiscal relationship with Indigenous Peoples.
- In collaboration with First Nations and with support from the Minister of Housing, lead work to bring the federal government to the table to match our funding to build much-needed housing for Indigenous Peoples both on and off reserve.
- Propose steps to continue increasing the capacity of all ministries to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.
- Support ministries to implement agreements under Sections 6 and 7 of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act that enable shared statutory decision-making authority, and advance the recognition of First Nations self-determination and Indigenous laws.
- Support the Public Service Agency to increase recruitment and retention of Indigenous Peoples in the public service.
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Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation



**Honourable
Brenda
Bailey**

Biography

- Elected: 2020
- MLA for Vancouver-False Creek
- Previous Portfolio: Parl Sec for Technology and Innovation.
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Economy
 - Caucus Committee on Economy
- Co-founder of Canada's first women-owned and operated video game studio
- Served as head of DigiBC an interactive and creative digital marketing association.
- Degrees in political science and social work

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Vancouver's submission to the BC Budget Consultation supports BC's economic recovery and the creation of jobs in areas of construction, development, housing, recreation, green jobs, public safety and security, etc.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

Vancouver has a leading role within the region in economic development, innovation, livability, equity, resilience and climate emergency response:

- Partner strategically with senior levels of government, charitable & non-profit organizations, and private sector.
- Optimize service delivery through business transformation, co-location and functional integration.
- Maximize value for investments through creative design and planning, and strategic procurement and resourcing.
- There is a strong need to train qualified tradespeople in green jobs, as there are more positions to be filled than workers (e.g. solar panel installation, low carbon retrofits, EV charging stations).
- There is an opportunity for senior levels of government to increase youth interest in the trades by identifying links to climate action in education campaigns.
- Vancouver is well poised to support jobs and innovation in this field, however, will need senior government support and leadership.
- Vancouver Economic Commission is working to develop a *Just Transition Coalition*, which could use senior gov't support. It is intended to be a forum for business, government, and organized labour to develop workforce solutions for climate action, as well as undertake specific projects to attract and empower workers advancing climate action
- VEC has a significant body of work in the area that supports the shift from GDP-only metrics. There are three key questions that GDP overlooks as we enter the Fourth Industrial Revolution (to digital): is growth fair, is it green, and is it improving our lives?

Minister's Mandate Letter

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As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Continue to deliver the StrongerBC Economic Plan to build an inclusive, sustainable, and innovative economy that works for people.
- Make B.C. a global destination for investment in clean industries by leveraging federal investments, taking steps to attract more new companies, and supporting B.C.-based clean business start-ups.
- Continue to drive innovation in biotechnology, low carbon technology, and climate solutions and identify opportunities for communities across the province.
- Continue to support advancement of clean industry in alignment with our CleanBC and StrongerBC plans and continue to provide support for industries in transition.
- With support from the Minister of State for Trade, launch and implement the Trade Diversification Strategy that will diversify our trading partners to hedge against global uncertainty and position B.C. businesses on the global stage.
- Continue working with local governments to identify and preserve land suitable for supporting sustainable industrial activity and economic benefits in rural and urban communities throughout the province.
- With support from the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development, work with rural communities to strengthen regional economic development and to build economic resilience in hard-hit forest sector communities.
- Support the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills to deliver the Future Ready Skills plan so British Columbians have the skills they need for the jobs of the future and to support B.C. employers impacted by global labour shortages.
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**Honourable
Harry Bains**

Biography

- Elected: 2005 and re-elected in 2009, 2013, 2017, 2020
- MLA for Surry Newton
- Previous Portfolio: N/A
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Economy
 - Social Initiatives
- Served on the Kwantlen University College Board of Governors from 1993-99.
- Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity
- Elected officer for Steelworkers-IWA Canada Local 2171 for more than 15 years.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- N/A

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- N/A

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As you continue to make progress on items in your previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Work to improve the timeliness of employment standards dispute resolution.
- Continue engaging with affected parties on implementation of the recommendations of the Industrial Inquiry Commission regarding Forest Industry Successorship.
- Work with WorkSafeBC to ensure meaningful programs are in place to support the return of injured workers to their workplaces.
- Support WorkSafeBC, with involvement of the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, to develop better options for chronic work-related pain, including improving pain management practices for injured workers and providing treatment on demand to those with chronic pain as a result of workplace injuries.
- Ensure our labour law is keeping up with modern workplaces through the upcoming review of the Labour Code, providing stable labour relations and supporting the exercise of collective bargaining rights.

Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

Biography



**Honourable
Jennifer
Whiteside**

- Elected: 2020
- MLA for New Westminster
- Previous Portfolio: Minister of Education and Childcare.
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Treasury Board
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Social Initiatives
 - Government Caucus Committee on Social Initiatives
- Chief spokesperson and lead negotiator for the Hospital Employees' Union.
- Worked for community organizations and labour unions at the provincial and national levels. Community organizer with ACORN.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Help develop 2,000 new social housing units on City-owned sites by contributing \$350M (approx. \$175k/door @ 2,000 units) over four years for the capital funding envelope (Vancouver to provide land in-kind)
- Commit early to fund priority social housing projects serving at-risk and systemically marginalized populations (e.g. Women's Legacy Project, 3475 E Hastings St and 525 Powell St).
- Continue to work in collaboration with the City of Vancouver, VPD, VCH to support an integrated approach to mental health and crises response through:
 - CAR 87/88 police partnership service
 - Assertive Outreach Team police-partnership
 - Strengthening of Indigenous approaches across all VCH Urgent mental Health and Substance Use Services

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- Over the next decade, the City and NPO sector can anticipate continued increased demands for service and more complex and intersecting social issues (e.g., aging population, poverty, mental health / addictions, inequalities, affordability), as well as impacts from natural disasters, health, climate and other emergencies. Many social serving NPOs need more space, others have uncertain tenure in their current spaces, and most will continue to face affordability challenges.
- CoV anticipates continued increased demand for services related to mental health / addictions, poverty and other social issues and inequalities.
- Vancouver declared the Overdose Crisis a public health emergency in April 2016 and more than 21,000 people have died in BC since then (1,900 of those in Vancouver).
- People are struggling – Over 2,000 people experience homelessness in Vancouver and mental health, addiction and the opioid crisis have been made worse through the COVID-19 pandemic. One in seven Metro Vancouver residents report feeling lonely and one in four report feeling isolated.
- 2,907+ deaths in Vancouver since Public Health Emergency declared in April 2016
- Making progress on health, mental health, and social issues can only be achieved by continued close collaboration with senior levels of government, for example, on expanding a safer supply of prescription drugs and decriminalization of illicit substances.

Minister's Mandate Letter

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As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Taking into account the unanimous recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Health, and with support from the Minister of Health, continue to lead and accelerate B.C.'s response to the illicit drug toxicity crisis across the full continuum of care – prevention, harm reduction, safe supply, treatment, and recovery.
- Expand new complex care, treatment, recovery, detox, and after-care facilities across the province, while building a new model of treatment offering seamless care through detox, treatment, and supportive housing so people don't fall through the cracks and can get quality care when and where they need it.
- Strengthen governance, guidelines, and best practices for incorporating evidence-based care in the prevention, treatment, and recovery system.
- Expand B.C.'s prescribed safe supply programs to separate more people from the toxic drug supply through safe alternatives. Work with regulatory colleges, professional associations, and other levels of government to overcome barriers.
- Implement decriminalization of simple possession of small amounts of illicit drugs for personal use, while maintaining focus on establishing rules and guidelines that protect public health and community safety.
- Assess and expand supports for people who are causing detrimental harm to themselves and others as a result of mental health or substance use, to increase safety and improve health outcomes while upholding the rights of all British Columbians.
- Work with the First Nations Health Authority to deliver culturally appropriate mental health and substance use services for Indigenous Peoples.
- With support from the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, work to improve public safety in our communities, including by implementing initiatives to address repeat and violent offending.
- With support from the Minister of Children and Family Development and the Minister of Education and Child Care, lead work to continue our government's commitment to addressing mental health problems early by expanding Integrated Child and Youth Teams to 20 school districts.
- Support the work of the Minister of Housing to better coordinate services to deliver improved outcomes for people living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, in collaboration with the Ministers of Health, Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and Public Safety and Solicitor General, as well as Indigenous Peoples, external partners, and others.
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**Honourable
Anne Kang**

Biography

- Elected: 2017 and re-elected in 2020
- MLA for Burnaby-Deer Lake
- Previous Portfolios: Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training, Minister of Citizens' Services and Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors and Multi-culturalism
- Current Cabinet Committees:
 - Legislative Review Committee
 - Appointment Orders Committee
 - Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives
- Three-term Burnaby City Councillor before becoming an MLA and has been a leader for organizations that build community and support vulnerable people.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

Housing

- Invest \$400M over 10 years in partnership with other orders of government to re-develop, renovate and replace Single Room Occupancy Hotels (SROs) with shelter rate social housing.
- Invest \$350M over four years to assist in building 2,000 new social housing units on City-owned land.
- Commit to funding social housing projects for at-risk and systemically marginalized people (e.g. Women's Legacy Project, 3475 E Hastings St and 525 Powell St).

Infrastructure

- Invest \$112M over four years to sewer and drainage upgrades in order to support housing and commercial growth.
- Invest an additional \$100M to rehabilitate aging facilities and infrastructure.
- Invest \$75M for seismic upgrades for Cambie and Granville St. bridges.
- Invest \$55M for active transportation infrastructure (i.e. walking, cycling)

Sharing Vancouver's Story

Municipal Finance Reform

- Property tax is an antiquated method to fund core services and the expanded mandates of cities. A new, modern system of funding is needed for cities to address their long-term capital and operating needs.

Housing and Immigration

- The federal and provincial governments are continuing to pursue immigration as a means of addressing labour force shortages. More supports, particularly for housing, is needed in order to accommodate increased immigration. The province must ensure expanded immigration comes with increased investments to communities and organizations to support new housing for immigrants.

Infrastructure Funding

- The City has infrastructure assets worth \$34B and has approved annual investments of approximately \$480M through the 2023-26 Capital Plan in maintenance and renewal
- In order to ensure assets remain in a state of good repair, the City needs to invest \$800M annually. Municipalities in B.C. need predictable, long-term investment from the province to support strong and vibrant communities.

Reconciliation

- The City needs continued collaboration amongst all levels of government to align policies and adequately fund programs to advance reconciliation.

Minister's Mandate Letter

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As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Support municipalities to partner with the federal government to maximize benefits for our province's communities from federal government programming, including through coordination with provincial programs.
- Explore options to support fast growing municipalities with funding for infrastructure and community amenities.
- Continue providing strong supports for newcomers to British Columbia with WelcomeBC programs, including the Provincial Nominee Program and settlement services.
- With support from the Minister of Education and Child Care, work with local governments to identify opportunities to increase child care spaces on municipal property.
- With support from the Minister of Finance, continue to work with UBCM to strengthen local government finance systems to ensure local governments and regional districts have the tools they need to remain resilient in the face of economic change.
- Continue working with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to build important infrastructure projects, including through StrongerBC and the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.
- Work with the Parliamentary Secretary for the Sustainable Economy and with local governments on district energy proposals, including work to seek federal Net Zero Accelerator Initiative funding.
- Support work led by the Minister of Housing to assist municipalities to accelerate development approvals and ensure sufficient housing for provincial growth through continued implementation of the Development Approvals Process Review and implementation of the Housing Supply Act.
- Support the work of the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness to co-develop and introduce modernized emergency management legislation.
- Support the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and work with the Minister of Housing to implement transit-oriented development to advance sustainable communities along transit corridors to help achieve our housing and affordability goals.
- Support the Minister of State for Workforce Development to help ensure B.C. quickly removes barriers so new international arrivals can find employment sooner in their field of training.

Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills



**Honourable
Selina
Robinson**

Biography

- Elected: 2013 and re-elected in 2017, 2020.
- MLA for Coquitlam-Maillardville
- Previous Portfolio: Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Citizens' Services.
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Economy
- Former city councillor with a focus to protect the health of children and families by introducing a local ban on cosmetic pesticides, and worked to improve access for people with disabilities as chair of the Coquitlam Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Request the Province fund 40% of UBCx (from business case to project completion).

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- Work with the Province and TransLink to fund and further plan and construct an extension to the University of British Columbia.
- Connecting UBC via subway is a critical piece of regional infrastructure that will ensure over one million people are within a 60-minute transit trip to UBC.
- Vancouver is codifying climate change mitigation/adaptation measures in new construction and retrofits – including newer HVAC technology like heat pumps, mass timber construction, passive house construction and infrastructure for EVs.
- There is a need for qualified trades technicians to work in this capacity. Vancouver is well poised to support expanded education in this capacity through practical work and education opportunities.
- Increase investment is needed in technical schools to enable increased number of trades students in existing trades programs relevant to climate change/adaptation (such as HVAC trades, plumbers, carpenters, etc) as these are often over subscribed.

Minister's Mandate Letter



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As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Recognizing the global trend of labour shortages, deliver StrongerBC's Future Ready Skills plan with clear actions to continue expanding access to affordable, accessible, and relevant training so British Columbians have the skills they need for the jobs of the future.
- Continue to advance work to launch B.C.'s second medical school in Surrey.
- Meet or exceed the Homes for B.C. Plan target of 8,000 new student housing units to build even more homes to support students and take pressure off local rental markets, and explore innovative agreements to develop and build more student rental housing.
- Explore the expansion of the Single Parent Employment Initiative.
- With support from the Parliamentary Secretary for Labour, help more people to choose jobs in the trades, including by continuing the implementation of Skilled Trades Certification and building on its success through considering other trades that could be included.
- To reduce financial barriers to post-secondary education, continue work to expand the BC Access Grant by increasing eligibility to ensure that people can access the skills they need for the jobs of the future.
- With support from the Minister of State for Workforce Development, lead work to recruit and retain people to build a skilled and flexible workforce in B.C.'s changing economy, and support career paths for skilled immigrants and services that give immigrants and refugees a strong start.
- With support from the Minister of State for Workforce Development, strengthen resources for the evaluation of skilled immigrants' credentials, including the Credential Assessment Improvement Fund.
- With support from the Minister of State for Workforce Development, take steps to ensure our government is able to respond quickly if private institutions promote or offer sub-standard education to international students, and develop protections for international students that support their fair treatment across the sector.
- Advance work on a Traditional Chinese Medicine degree program for our province.



**Honourable
Mike
Farnworth**

Biography

- Elected: 1991 and re-elected in 1996, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017, 2020
- MLA for Port Coquitlam
- Previous Portfolio: N/A
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives
- Elected to Port Coquitlam city council for three terms in 1983, 1985 and 1990.
- Worked in Bulgaria, the Balkans and then Iraq on democratic governance programs to help build multiparty democracies in former one-party states.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- We appreciate the government's efforts to modernize the *Police Act*. It is a tall order that will require a commitment to change at all levels of government including long-term investments from senior governments and a willingness to understand and acknowledge historic harms and listen and be responsive to community realities and lived experiences.
- Legislative change and investments in mental health, social supports, including income, and housing must occur at the Provincial level in order for meaningful and lasting change to occur at the municipal and local community level.
- CoV is seeking support to quickly deliver on one of Vancouver's UNDRIP Strategy's Calls to Action. The City would like to secure three memberships for Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation representation on the Vancouver Police Department Board. Succeeding in this regard will satisfy Vancouver's UNDRIP Strategy Call to Action item: 2.17(f): *Expand Vancouver Police Board membership to include a representative from each of Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.*

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- There has been increasing concern from the public about street disorder, safety issues, and randomized crime. The City cannot address these complex social issues without additional support and policy levers from senior levels of government.
- VPD is insufficiently resourced to address drug addiction, overdoses, and mental health issues. At its core these are health issue and not criminal justice issues that require a more comprehensive response from mental health professionals, community support groups, and senior levels of government.

The DTES

- The VPD have noted a significant increase in violent offences associated to those within the encampment zone, as well as an increase in weapons being used in the commission of crimes.
- The VPD have expressed concern about the escalating threat of violence which includes:
 - 9% increase in all Assaults in the eight months the encampment has been in existence (July 1, 2022 – Present).
 - 13% increase in Assaults Level II & Level III (serious).
 - 42% increase in Assault Police Officer files (July 1, 2022 –Present) and an 89% increase in Assault Police Officer Files compared to the same time the previous year.
- We need to see the province take a leadership role in addressing the root causes of crime that extend well beyond the reach and mandate of the city's police services.

Minister's Mandate Letter

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As you continue to make progress on items in your previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Implement the recommendations of the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act, including working with the support of the Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives to address systemic racism, including interim and long-term policy, regulatory and legislative changes.
- Convene roundtables with community leaders across the province on safety issues in their communities to identify ways to work in partnership on these issues.
- Lead work to improve public safety in our communities, including the implementation of the Safer Communities Action Plan, to address repeat and violent offending, with the support of the Attorney General and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.
- Continue to advocate for federal government reforms related to public safety.
- Work with ICBC to improve the experience of pedestrians and cyclists involved in vehicle collisions.
- Work with the Attorney General and the First Nations Justice Council to address the disproportionate incarceration of Indigenous peoples through the implementation of the First Nations Justice Strategy.
- With support from the Attorney General, explore coordination of provincial regulatory enforcement teams, including for tobacco, liquor, gambling and cannabis.
- Work with the Minister of Finance to target proceeds of crime for high level organized criminals, in line with Cullen Commission recommendations.
- With support from your Cabinet colleagues, continue work to implement the Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- Work with the Law Foundation of British Columbia to develop a proposal to enhance and expand restorative justice programs across the province.
- Support police efforts to combat gangs and criminal organizations that fuel the toxic drug supply and increase support for initiatives that are proven to prevent and reduce serious crime.
- Support the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to free up police to focus on serious crime through provincial investments in community-based mental health and social service front-line workers, such as Peer-Assisted Care Teams.
- Support the work of the Minister of Housing to better coordinate services to deliver improved outcomes for people living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, in collaboration with the Ministers of Mental Health and Addictions, Health, and Social Development and Poverty Reduction, as well as Indigenous Peoples, external partners, and others.

Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction



**Honourable
Sheila
Malcolmson**

Biography

- Elected: 2019 and re-elected in 2020
- MLA for Nanaimo
- Previous Portfolio: Minister for Mental Health and Addictions
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Social Initiatives
 - Government Caucus Committee on Social Initiatives
- Elected four times to the Islands Trust Council, serving six of those years as Chair of the Islands Trust Council, where she championed fair ferry service, marine safety and oil spill prevention.
- Served as a Member of Parliament from 2015 – 2019.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- N/A

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- N/A

Minister's Mandate Letter



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As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Update the Poverty Reduction Strategy by March 2024, to continue reducing the number of people, and in particular children, who are experiencing poverty in our province.
- Lead work with support from the Minister of Finance to continue addressing impacts on low-income people caused by cost-of-living increases related to global inflation.
- Given rising costs of food, continue to lead work on food security and dignified access to food in partnership with food producers, grocery stores, food banks, schools, and not-for-profits, with support from the Minister of Agriculture and Food and the Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development and NonProfits.
- Support the work of the Minister of Housing to better coordinate services to deliver improved outcomes for people living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, in collaboration with the Ministers of Mental Health and Addictions, Health, and Public Safety and Solicitor General, as well as Indigenous Peoples, external partners, and others.

Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport



Biography



**Honourable
Sheila Lana
Popham**

- Elected in 2009 and re-elected in 2013, 2017 and 2020.
- MLA for Saanich South
- Previous Portfolio: Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Treasury Board
 - Environment and Land Use
 - Economy
- Degree in Urban Geography.
- Co-founded and operated Barking Dog Vineyard, the first organically certified vineyard on Vancouver Island.
- Served on Saanich's Planning, Transportation and Ec Dev Committee.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Properly maintained infrastructure is essential for maintaining both public safety and livability, with infrastructure such as roads, bridges and pipes supporting health, safety and the economy; while amenities like community centres, libraries and theatres contribute to inclusive and complete communities and Vancouver's vibrant arts and culture scene.
 - Secure \$100M over four years to rehabilitate aging amenities in a financially sustainable and resilient manner.
 - Commit \$75m for seismic upgrades and rehabilitation for Cambie and Granville St. Bridges (\$30M and \$45M respectively).
- \$20M toward the restoration of Historic Gastown, including public space and transportation upgrades to enhance the public realm, including visibility of local First Nations.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- Vancouver is excited to be hosting several marquee sporting events in the coming years - Grey Cup in 2024, Invictus Games in 2025 and FIFA World Cup in 2026.
- On April 11, 2023, the Province of British Columbia announced the BC Fairs, Festivals and Events Fund providing one-time grants to event organizers to support the sustained recovery of community events. \$30M in funding was provided to support 1,172 events across BC. Vancouver events received the largest investment of \$9.1 supporting 259 events. The CoV thanks the Province for this impactful investment.
 - These funds are incremental to the investments already made by the Province of BC toward the 2024 Grey Cup (\$4M), 2025 Invictus Games (\$15M) and the 2026 FIFA World Cup (TBD), all of which will take place in Vancouver.
- Vancouver is working hard to maintain a vibrant arts & culture scene.
- In Feb 2023, City Council passed a motion to re-establish Granville Street as an exciting, welcoming, safe, and inclusive downtown destination.
- The City is also keen to revitalize the historic neighbourhoods of Chinatown and Gastown.
- The City would appreciate your support in the following ways:
 - Continue to support upcoming marquee events – Grey Cup in 2024, Invictus Games in 2025 and FIFA world cup in 2026 – to ensure they provide positive benefits for businesses, communities, and the tourism sector.
 - Encourage your ministerial colleagues at Infrastructure and Transportation and Finance to consider the City's requests for funding to support arts and culture and upgrades to supporting amenities and infrastructure.
 - As a member of Treasury Board, encourage programming that support arts and culture and upgrades to supporting amenities and infrastructure.
 - Continue to support the revitalization of Chinatown, which is an important cultural and tourism destination for Vancouver the B.C.

Minister's Mandate Letter



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As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Continue to work with the tourism and hospitality sectors in rural and urban communities to ensure sustained recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Continue to support the Arts Infrastructure Program to help communities build new cultural spaces and renovate existing ones.
- Maintain work with B.C. host cities and organizers of upcoming marquee events – Grey Cup in 2024, Invictus Games in 2025 and FIFA world cup in 2026 – to ensure they provide positive benefits for businesses, communities, and the tourism sector.
- Work with First Nations to secure the bid for the 2027 North America Indigenous Games.
- Continue to promote rural and Indigenous tourism opportunities, taking advantage of B.C.'s unparalleled natural areas.
- Continue the development and implementation of heritage policy and programs related to geographical naming, heritage conservation capacity building, historic places recognition, fossil management, and the stewardship of physical heritage resources.
- Work with the Royal BC Museum to engage in a robust consultation with First Nations, British Columbians, and other stakeholders to inform next steps in the Museum's future.
- With support from the Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, work in consultation with affected communities to advance emerging museum programs and proposals including the Chinese Canadian museum, a South Asian museum, and a provincial Filipino cultural centre.



**Honourable
Rob
Fleming**

Biography

- Elected in 2005 and re-elected in 2009, 2013, 2017, 2020
- MLA for Victoria-Hillside
- Previous Portfolio: Minister of Education
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Planning and Priorities
 - Environment and Land Use
 - Economy
- Previous two-term Victoria Councillor, worked as a research and policy analyst for the Ministry of Advanced Education, helped create CRD's Affordable Housing Trust.
- Involved in many community organizations, dedicated soccer fan and helps coach his son's team.

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

Transportation:

- Deliver on existing commitment to fund 40% of the development of the business case for UBCx, and extend that commitment to the project construction costs.

Infrastructure:

- Commit \$112M over four years for growth-enabling infrastructure, including sewer and drainage upgrades along Broadway and other major areas.
- Secure \$100M over four years to rehabilitate aging amenities in a financially sustainable and resilient manner.
- Commit \$75M for seismic upgrades and rehabilitation for Cambie and Granville St. Bridges.
- Commit \$55M to build active transportation corridors and complete streets.
- Provide \$10m to fund green rainwater infrastructure and new street trees in Vancouver.
- Secure \$12.6m in funding for construction to begin once the business-case is complete for the new Indigenous Centre that will replace the Urban Native Youth Centre's current building.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- Cities across Canada are facing increasing infrastructure pressure as a result of net migration. Coupled with social issues such as homelessness, and mental health and addictions issues, it's clear that cities cannot do it all alone with our limited funding sources and tax base.

CoV capital plan:

- Of the \$3.5B of strategic investments contemplated, over 55% is dedicated for asset maintenance and renewal. This is equivalent to ~\$480 million of annual capital maintenance, upgrade & renewal funding, supported by an inflation-adjusted increase in City funding of ~8% per annum from the current Capital Plan.
- CoV has an infrastructure deficit of ~\$500m annually.
- Based on an estimated replacement value of \$34 billion, we need to invest ~\$800 million annually to maintain our assets in a state of good repair. Compared to the ~\$300 million of asset renewal funding per annum in the 2019- 2022 Capital Plan, we need an intentional, multi-decade funding strategy to address the growing infrastructure deficit. The infrastructure challenge is not unique to Vancouver. Major cities across Canada have developed long-term asset management strategies with dedicated funding for infrastructure renewal.

Minister's Mandate Letter



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As you continue to make progress on items in your previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Widen the Highway 1 corridor through the Fraser Valley, ensuring a more integrated transportation corridor with greater capacity and inclusion of transit and active transportation amenities, and assess extension to Chilliwack.
- Continue progress on the Fraser River Tunnel Project, endorsed by the region, to replace the aging George Massey tunnel, starting with a new Steveston Interchange
- In collaboration with the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, complete the Clean Transportation Action Plan to support shifts to sustainable modes of travel, advance modern transportation systems, and help meet our ambitious greenhouse gas targets for the transportation sector.
- Continue working with communities to expand their networks of active transportation to meet our CleanBC goal of doubling trips taken by walking biking and other kinds of active networks by the year 2030.
- Work with cabinet colleagues, communities and regions to assess and support the planning of transit projects to reduce commute times for fast growing urban areas.
- With support from the Minister of State for Infrastructure and Transit, work with the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation to advance the Surrey-Langley and UBCx SkyTrain projects.
- Work with industry partners on StrongerBC's goods movement strategy to ensure a resilient system that gets goods and services to people when they need it, where they are.
- Work with First Nations, local governments, and the federal government to advance rural transportation solutions.
- Work with the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation to advance solutions on transportation challenges on the north shore, including Burrard Inlet Rapid Transit.
- Work with the BC Ferries Commissioner to ensure the best possible service with lowest possible fares for the people who rely on these ferry services.
- With support from the Ministers of Housing and Municipal Affairs, complete the Transit Oriented Development framework to advance sustainable communities along transit corridors to help achieve our housing and affordability goals.
- Improve timing and transparency of permitting processes to support housing and sustainable economic development while maintaining high levels of environmental protection, aligned with cross-government work on permitting led by the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship



**Honourable
Nathan
Cullen**

Biography

- Elected: 2020
- MLA for Stikine
- Previous Portfolio: Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations; Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Cabinet Committees:
 - Environment and Land Use
 - Economy
 - Government Caucus on Social Initiatives
- Member of Parliament for Skeena-Bulkley Valley from 2004-2019

CoV Funding & Policy Priorities

- Provide \$10M to fund green rainwater infrastructure and new street trees in Vancouver.
- Commit \$10m for active transportation projects in Vancouver, beyond what is currently offered in the BC Active Transportation Fund.

Sharing Vancouver's Story

- Vancouver City Council has a resolution for debate at UBCM: Protecting BC Coasts from Acidic Washwater Dumping. Ocean acidification is of major concern to coastal communities, and stricter protections must be put in place to protect our water from scrubber wash, which is often dumped by commercial and recreational fisheries.
- The City would be interested in participating in the development of the Province's Coastal Marine Strategy. Stanley Park is an example of a marine-terrestrial park that is uniquely co-managed with First Nations and the federal government.

CoV capital budget:

- The City has set a bold target to cut carbon pollution in half by 2030, and to be carbon neutral before 2050.
- The City owns and operates the False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility ("NEU"), which has been operating since 2010 and utilizes waste heat recovered from sewage and renewable natural gas to achieve the 70% renewable energy performance target.
- In 2022, UBCM endorsed a resolution, led by the CoV that resolved UBCM to:
 - request the BC government commit to advocate to the federal government on the issue of exhaust gas cleaning systems acidic wastewater discharge, as part of a comprehensive BC Coastal Marine Strategy; pushing for stronger environmental protections, in line with thriving cruise and cargo waters of our US neighbours, to include preventative measures to stop scrubber dumping from ships and require cleaner fuels be used.

Minister's Mandate Letter



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As you continue to make progress on items in the February 2022 mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate, I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Lead cross-government work to improve timing and transparency of permitting processes to support sustainable economic development, housing and infrastructure while maintaining high levels of environmental protection.
- Continue to transform the management and stewardship of our waters, lands and resources, together with First Nations, and work toward modern land use plans and permitting processes rooted in science and Indigenous knowledge that consider new and cumulative impacts to the land base.
- Lead B.C.'s work on water, watersheds, and our coast, including work to:
 - Co-develop, complete, and launch the Watershed Security Strategy and Fund and the Coastal Marine Strategy, and continue implementation of the Wild Salmon Strategy; and
 - Develop and deliver a long-term vision for the Clean Coast, Clean Waters program.
 - Protect wildlife and species at risk, and work collaboratively with First Nations, other ministries, and the federal government to protect and enhance B.C.'s biodiversity through implementing recommendations of the Old Growth Strategic Review, and the Together for Wildlife Strategy.
- With support from the Ministers of Forests and Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation, and the Parliamentary Secretary for Environment, develop a new conservation financing mechanism to support protection of biodiverse areas.
- Partnering with the federal government, industry, and communities, and working with Indigenous Peoples, lead the work to achieve the Nature Agreement's goals of 30% protection of BC's land base by 2030, including Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas.
- Support the Minister of Forests to work together with First Nations to complete work to improve the protection and stewardship of forest resources, habitats, biodiversity, and cultural heritage in the Great Bear Rainforest Agreement.



Section 2: RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE



Note: CoV Staff Recommendations can be found in blue font, where applicable

HOUSING

R1 Expanding Property Transfer Tax Exemptions City of Burnaby

Whereas the high cost of land is one of the greatest barriers to non-market housing development in British Columbia;

And whereas municipalities have been asked by the Province to support the development of new non-market housing developments, including by forgoing market value of their own lands to provide to not-for-profit organizations at a nominal rate and for extended periods of time to facilitate the development of affordable housing;

And whereas municipalities view not-for-profit organizations as partners in non-market housing development, regardless of their registration status as a society or charity:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to review the Property Transfer Tax and other provincial legislation to expand the exemption from payment of Property Transfer Tax to all not-for-profit societies, co-operatives or corporations incorporated and in good standing under the BC Societies Act, Cooperative Association Act, or the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act who are leasing municipal lands for the development of affordable housing from payment of Property Transfer Tax to eliminate this financial burden on the creation of non-market housing.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to expand the exemption from payment of Property Transfer Tax to all not-for-profit societies, co-operatives or corporations incorporated and in good standing under the BC Societies Act, Cooperative Association Act, or the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act who are leasing municipal lands for the development of affordable housing from payment of Property Transfer Tax to eliminate this financial burden on the creation of non-market housing.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2022-NR14 which asked the provincial government support the recommendation of the Canada-British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability, to develop a provincial acquisition strategy and grant program that would allow non-profit housing providers to purchase and repair aging rental stock for the purposes of maintaining existing affordable housing.

Of note, the second whereas clause in resolution 2022-NR14 included reference to a statement by the Expert Panel on Housing Supply that "...BC government should exempt non-profit organizations from the property transfer tax for building acquisitions that will be used to provide affordable housing:"

The Committee further notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions that requested the provincial government allocate a portion of revenues from the Property Transfer Tax to address issues of homelessness and housing affordability (2017-B17, 2011-B67, 2008-A3, 2007-B23, 2007-B109, 2006-B23, 2004-A8).

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: N/A

Staff contact: Rob Evans, Associate Director Financial Strategy and Strategic Projects, LTFS, FRS 604-873-7472

**R2 Municipal Authority for Empty Homes Tax
City of Burnaby**

Whereas encouraging unoccupied residential properties to become available for long-term occupancy represents an opportunity to increase the availability of housing in our communities;

And whereas the authority to adopt an Empty Homes Tax is not currently available to municipalities operating outside of the Vancouver Charter:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to amend the Community Charter to enable municipalities to administer a specific property tax on unoccupied Class 1 Residential properties, with net revenues to be used by the municipality towards affordable housing projects.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed a number of resolutions which asks the Province to empower local governments to collect a levy on vacant residential properties (2020-EB33, 2020-NR69, 2019-B19, 2019-B181, 2018-A3, 2017-B91).

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: N/A

Staff contact:

**R3 Incentives for Heat Pumps and Other Climate Resilient Retrofits In Multi-Residential Buildings
City of Port Moody**

Whereas climate change is worsening conditions and increasing vulnerabilities in the built environment, and existing multi-unit residential buildings (MURBs) are some of the most vulnerable and housing the most vulnerable populations;

And whereas the CleanBC Better Homes program provides incentives and rebates for some, but not all, dwelling types, excluding MURBs (such as high-rises and apartment buildings) yet over 30% of British Columbians reside in these dwellings:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province make the necessary changes to the CleanBC Better Homes program to ensure that all dwelling types are eligible for incentives and rebates for retrofits to ensure the health and safety of all British Columbians, particularly the most vulnerable, while working towards the Province's GHG reduction targets.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to make the necessary changes to the CleanBC Better Homes program to ensure that all dwelling types, including multi-residential buildings, are eligible for incentives and rebates for retrofits to ensure the health and safety of all British Columbians, particularly the most vulnerable, while working towards the Province's GHG reduction targets.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several additional resolutions calling for provincial assistance and programs to support and incent energy retrofits of buildings to, in-part, help lower GHG emissions (2022-EB31, 2022-NR18, 2021-EB40, 2019-B152, 2018-B31, 2014-B28, 2014-B64, 2012-B25) and calling for federal and provincial programs to provide incentives for residential energy efficiency (2020-NR52, 2014-B28, 2014-B93, 2012-B25, 2010-B86, 2009-B166, 2007-B33, 2007-B177, 2006-B111).

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: This resolution is consistent with recent Council resolution directing staff to work with partners, including Province and BC Hydro, to explore incentives and supports for heat pump adoption in MURBs. Discussions to this end have commenced between the three organisations but Provincial contribution will still need budget approval. This resolution will help increase probability that proposed incentives do get Provincial funding.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY

**R4 Provincial Government Re-Established as Diking Authority
City of Abbotsford**

Whereas the Province has designated municipalities as diking authorities and established a wide range of authoritative powers over them including requirements to fully administer and resource ongoing dike maintenance, flood protection planning, monitoring, inspection, as well as to substantively fund disaster prevention and relief initiatives;

And whereas the Province of BC completed a Preliminary Strategic Climate Risk Assessment for BC in 2019 that found that extreme weather events will continue to worsen across the province in coming years including heat waves and severe river flooding with extreme precipitation events continuing to increase toward 1 in 20 year events becoming 1 in 10 year events or lower;

And whereas the administrative and financial resources required for local governments to undertake the responsibilities as diking authorities are an increasingly unsustainable burden on local communities with no dedicated funding sources from senior government:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to be re-established as the diking authority in local governments.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed multiple resolutions calling on the Province to be re-established as the diking authority in all local governments (2022-SR3, 2015-B52 and 2014-B75 (in local governments under 20,000 in population)).

Resolution 2022-SR3 was brought forward by the UBCM Executive in recognition of recent flooding events, and subsequent calls from the UBCM membership for the Province be re-established as diking authority in all local governments. In its response to the resolution, the Province was unwilling to commit to the proposed changes, instead offering to examine additional strategies and funding opportunities for local governments.

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions requesting support and/or funding for flood protection, prevention and mitigation measures (2021-EB6, 2020-SR1, 2020-NR16, 2019-B12, 2018-B123, 2018-B94, 2018-B37, 2016-B56, 2015-B97, 2015-B7, 2014-B76, 2013-A1, 2013-A2, 2012-B3, 2012-B4, 2011-B11, 2011-B12, 2011-B79, 2010-B8, 2009-B3, 2008-B69, 2007-A1).

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Decline to Endorse

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments:

- CoV is unique within BC due to the Vancouver Charter, which excludes us from the Dike Maintenance Act and the oversight of the B.C. Inspector of Dikes. The City and the Ministry of FLNRORD have an MOU to facilitate collaboration on shared objectives and commitments between the City and Province.
- Previous UBCM resolution 2022-SR3 was Endorsed with Amendments by the City as the City supports an increase in funding by the Province but does not support the Province being re-established as diking authority to all local governments.
- Previous UBCM resolutions 2015-B52 and 2014-B75 had specifically identified needs and “unsustainable burdens” for small communities. These are not issues applicable to CoV.
- Vancouver is a fully-developed, urbanized municipality which is unique to most of the province. Oversight by a Provincial Diking Authority would have to acknowledge province-wide expectations are difficult to apply to Vancouver. At present, CoV is investigating innovative flood management approaches through the Sea2City Design Challenge, which would be difficult for the Province to currently undertake.
- Rather than a Diking Authority, the Province should consider a role of coordinator, funder, and incubator (of ideas, knowledge, and relationships) for the province.

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FINANCE

R7 Sustainable Canadian Local Governments Asset Management Fund

City of Langley

Whereas Canada’s infrastructure deficit is estimated to be as high as \$570 billion with almost 60% of the deficit within local government jurisdictions;

And whereas the costs to replace and repair local government infrastructure for critical services such as roads, arenas, bridges, drinking water and wastewater systems are estimated to be \$141 billion, which is well beyond the financial capacity of municipalities across the country due to limited revenue generation options, and all while costs for infrastructure renewal continue to escalate at an exponential rate:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Government of Canada to create a sustainable and reliable local government asset management fund, like the permanent Building Canada's Public Transit Future Fund, to increase investments in infrastructure renewal, which is essential to enhance public safety, reduce health risks, ensure economic sustainability, and lessen the financial burden on future generations to pay for the infrastructure deficit.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has previously considered several resolutions asking the federal and provincial government to improve and/or enhance the delivery of funding programs. This includes resolution 2020-EB35 which states: Therefore it be resolved that UBCM and FCM respectfully lobby the federal government to continue to support grass root community quality of life by permanently doubling the Gas Tax Fund transfer to support local infrastructures. The Canada Community Building Fund (formally the Gas Tax Fund), is considered a permanent and reliable funding program for local governments.

Additional endorsed resolutions that requests improvements and/or enhancements to both federal and provincial funding programs include; 2020-B36, 2020-B40, 2018-B111, 2014-B19 and 2012-B13.

In addition, endorsed resolution 2018-B74 supported the development of a common asset management approach to support local governments in building capacity to develop and implement asset management best practices.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: Unclear if there is a proposed distribution model for proposed funding, assume it would be per capita

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LEGISLATIVE

**R8 Creation of Independent Municipal Ethics Commissioner
Village of Harrison Hot Springs**

Whereas the UBCM Working Group on Responsible Conduct has worked to support British Columbia local governments in addressing misconduct by elected officials and providing local governments with a set of fundamental principles which can be utilized to enact codes of conduct;

And whereas smaller local governments in British Columbia do not have the financial resources to establish an independent and autonomous Ethics Commissioner to investigate and resolve allegations of misconduct;

And whereas the current legislative framework available to small local governments in British Columbia regarding alleged breaches of code of conduct can result in expensive legal processes which may produce limited conclusions:

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA and UBCM call upon the provincial government to immediately create an Independent Municipal Ethics Commissioner within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to serve the public, elected officials and officers in an advisory, instructive and investigative role in the application and enforcement of codes of conduct.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM's membership has endorsed two related resolutions requesting the Province to establish Ethics Commissioner/Integrity Commissioner offices to assist local governments with matters relating to conduct, including investigation and enforcement of Codes of Conduct:

- 2022-B77 which asked the Province to create an Office of the Municipal Ethics Commissioner within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs; and
- 2021-2020 NR1 which asked the Province to establish an Independent Office of Integrity to serve the public, elected officials and local government officials.

The Ministry in its response to the 2022 resolution Independent Office of the Municipal Ethics Commissioner with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, stated that embedding a culture of responsible conduct in the daily activities of local government elected officials is an incremental process and further work and collaboration is required. The Province also indicated that any future work related to independent third-party approaches (e.g. integrity or ethics commissioners) would involve working with local government partners and include an evaluation of responsible conduct tools currently available. "Changes in this policy area," said the Province "are complex and multi-faceted and require consideration of issues such as the role of councils and boards, funding arrangements, and the impact on existing responsible conduct tools."

The Working Group on Responsible Conduct released a guide (Forging the Path to Responsible Conduct) which includes information on the considerations for a local government to develop procedures for the enforcement of a Code of Conduct, including the use of an independent third-party investigator to review alleged breaches of conduct in a manner that ensures procedural fairness for all parties.

[CoV Staff Review](#)

Staff recommendation: No recommendation

SELECTED ISSUES

R9 Equitable Communities

City of Burnaby

City of New Westminster

City of North Vancouver

City of Port Coquitlam

Whereas systemic inequities are present in all municipalities and prevent all citizens from fully participating in civic life, but numerous municipalities across British Columbia and Canada have made progress towards becoming more equitable by committing to embed equity in all government action through the use of analytical processes for the assessment of systemic inequities (e.g. Gender-Based Analysis Plus);

And whereas the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada have adopted Gender-Based Analysis Plus to assess how diverse Canadians experience policies, programs, and government initiatives:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to provide resources and policy direction to enable local governments to implement analytical process for the assessment of systemic inequalities (i.e. Gender-Based Analysis Plus) across local government capital investments, operations and strategic initiatives to ensure all citizens can participate fully in civic life and to make measurable progress towards dismantling systemic inequality in our communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership did endorse a nearly identical resolution (2022-NR69) which asked “all relevant Ministries to work in partnership with Indigenous peoples, including the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations, provide resources and policy direction to enable local governments to implement analytical process for the assessment of systemic inequalities (i.e. Gender-Based Analysis Plus) across local government capital investments, operations and strategic initiatives to ensure all citizens can participate fully in civic life and to make measurable progress towards dismantling systemic inequality in our communities.”

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse with amendments (see below).

Suggested amendments: That UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to provide resources and broad policy direction to enable local governments to implement an analytical process for the assessment of systemic inequalities (i.e. Gender-Based Analysis Plus, GDEIB, and responding to the Missing, Murdered & Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry Calls to Action & the Universal Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and disaggregated data) across local government capital investments, operations and strategic initiatives to ensure all citizens can participate fully in civic life and to make measurable progress towards dismantling systemic inequality in our communities.

Comments: There ought to be some broad standards from the federal government, but also some reasonable local flexibility in implementation.

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Section B - This section contains resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R10 Exception to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Exemption to Address Illicit Drug Use in Spaces for Children and Youth

City of New Westminster

Whereas the BC Government has been granted an exemption by Health Canada from the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act to decriminalize the possession of certain illegal drugs;
And whereas an omission to the exceptions for this exemption could result in nuisance illicit drug use in public park spaces designed for and used by children and youth:

Therefore be it resolved that the LMLGA and UBCM request that the BC Government request Health Canada add “public park spaces designed for and used by children and youth” to the list of exceptions to the Controlled Drug and Substances Act exemption.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported decriminalization of illicit drugs, through resolution 2021-NR44.

However, the Committee advises that the membership has not specifically considered a request that Health Canada add “public park spaces designed for and used by children and youth” to the list of exceptions to the Controlled Drug and Substances Act exemption.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: Not sure how to enforce this and how to deal with parents **with medical needs etc.**

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R11 Provincial Funding for Municipal Medic Trucks City of Mission

Whereas the provincial investments in the BC Ambulance Service have not kept pace with growth and inflation in BC municipalities;

And whereas municipal fire and rescue services are often the first responders to calls for medical service causing elevated wear and tear on fire apparatus and are unable to leave the scene until an ambulance arrives thus putting the community fire protection services at risk:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province to consider funding the capital and operating costs of medic trucks in municipalities to ensure that an adequate level of fire protection is maintained in the community and the cost of providing purely medical services, a provincial responsibility, are not unfairly burdening municipalities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to fund the capital and operating costs of medic trucks in municipalities to ensure that an adequate level of fire protection is maintained in the community and the cost of providing purely medical services, a provincial responsibility, are not unfairly burdening municipalities.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions which asked for better coordination between BC Emergency Health Services and local governments, whose fire departments may be called upon to provide pre-hospital emergency care (2022-EB3, 2019-SR3).

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions seeking fair compensation for local government provision of first responder services (2022-NR2, 2019-SR3, 2019-B11, 2018-B141, 2014-A2, 2012-A6, 2009-B14, 2004-B26).

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation.

R13 Review of Benefits for People with Disabilities

City of Mission

Whereas a single person with a disability receives \$1,358 per month in disability assistance from the provincial government;

And whereas the cost of living has increased substantially making it very challenging for a person with a disability to make ends meet:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask that the provincial government review the current assistance rates and increase the assistance amount to no less than \$1,800 per month for a single person and that the rate be reviewed annually to keep pace with cost of living increases.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed numerous resolutions in support of increased income assistance (2022-EB13, 2018-B163, 2016-B120, 2015-B45, 2014-B12, 2013-B55, 2013-B130, 2011-B175, 2006-B171, 2005-B51, 2004-B134); however, the membership has not considered a request for the specific amount stated in the resolution.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation.

HOUSING

R14 Rights of Tenants Facing Displacement Through Redevelopment

District of North Vancouver

Whereas vulnerable tenants are evicted from low-costs rental homes for redevelopment purposes;

And whereas there are insufficient protections within the Residential Tenancy Act for tenants to be re-homed in the redeveloped properties they were evicted from:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Government of British Columbia enable legislative changes to require developers who evict residents from low-cost rental homes to allow tenants right of first refusal to return to the developed property at either their rental rate at time of eviction or a discounted rental rate, and, should no rental units be part of the redeveloped site, with an option for right of first refusal with a purchase discount option;

And be it further resolved that the Residential Tenancy Act and any other applicable legislative change be enacted to allow enhanced rights of tenants in British Columbia and that a Municipal Guide for Tenant Relocation Policies be provided to local governments.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported resolutions looking to protect tenants' rights, including addressing issues of renovations and demovictions, and to limit rent increases (2020-EB84, 2020-EB85, 2017-B53, 2017-B126, 2016-B121 2016-B137).

The UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2019-B184 which requested the creation of an Office of the Renters Advocate to monitor and analyzes renters' services and issues in BC, and make recommendations to government and service providers to address systemic issues caused by rental shortages, renovictions, demovictions and housing affordability.

However, the Committee advises that the membership has not previously considered a resolution that asked the Province to require developers who evict residents from low-cost rental homes to allow tenants right of first refusal to return to the developed property at either their rental rate at time of eviction or a discounted rental rate, and, should no rental units be part of the redeveloped site, with an option for right of first refusal with a purchase discount option. Nor has the membership considered a request for a Municipal Guide for Tenant Relocation Policies be provided to local governments. The Committee would also note that the proposed legislative changes may have unintended consequences by impacting development finance and discouraging needed redevelopment in some instances.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No Recommendation

R15 Supporting Non-Profit Ownership of Non-Market Housing In Air Space Parcels City of Burnaby

Whereas municipalities have been asked by the Province to support the development of new non-market housing developments;

And whereas municipalities have adopted policies to encourage the inclusion of non-market housing owned and operated by a non-profit organization as part of market housing developments;

And whereas non-profit organizations are being denied mortgage financing to acquire non-market dwelling units due to lack of title or lease while the building is under construction:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to amend the Land Title Act to enable lot line adjustments for air space parcels, to allow non-profit organizations to obtain title and financing on a provisional air space parcel which may then be further subdivided prior to occupancy to align with the building's elevations as constructed.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to amend the Land Title Act to enable lot line adjustments for air space parcels, to allow non-profit organizations to obtain title and financing on a provisional air space parcel which may then be further subdivided prior to occupancy to align with the building's elevations as constructed.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: CoV's Building By-law currently includes provisions for airspace parcels to develop plans and legal agreements to apportion owner responsibilities for use, joint operation, and maintenance of a building. Adjustments of the airspace parcel lot lines, may have implications that require extensive work by owners of the legal agreements to pertaining to the building.

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R16 Vacant Property Tax on Commercial Properties City of New Westminster

Whereas the Province has adopted vacancy taxes on vacant residential properties as one tool to assure land speculation does not result in property standing fallow to the detriment of community livability and other goals;

And whereas commercial property values are inflating province-wide, and increasingly face investment speculation resulting in similar underutilization of commercial property in many municipalities across British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of BC to provide local governments with an option to introduce a vacant property tax applicable to commercial properties.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously endorsed a resolution asking the Province to provide local governments with an option to introduce a vacant property tax applicable to commercial properties.

The Committee notes that the UBCM Executive considered referred resolution 2019-B181 that asked for local government authority to impose a vacancy tax on both residential and commercial properties. The Executive chose to endorse 2019-B181 with an amendment that removed the reference to commercial properties due to concerns about potential unforeseen consequences with commercial assessment without a comprehensive analysis.

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions which asks the Province to empower local governments to collect a levy on vacant residential properties (2020-EB33, 2020-NR69, 2019-B19, 2019-B181, 2018-A3, 2017-B91).

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse. Staff recommend that Vancouver City Council support the LMLGA/ UBCM request that the Province of BC provide local governments with an option to introduce a vacant property tax applicable to commercial properties.

While the effectiveness, impacts and administrative feasibility of such a tax requires further study, requesting that the Province provide this tool as an option for potential future use at the City's discretion does not negatively impact the CoV.

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: Community partners are advising that the majority of vacant spaces in our BIA areas are actively seeking new tenants and that a tax on vacant spaces may not be the most appropriate or effective tool to reduce vacancies on most sites. Staff note several recent and ongoing actions that have been taken to help facilitate occupancy:

1. The Development Potential Relief Program (DPRP) will make occupancy of some commercial storefronts significantly more affordable, increasing the number of businesses who can afford to occupy the space.

In Fall 2021, Council approved a pilot program to waive change of use permit requirements for high volume, straightforward occupancies, making it significantly easier for commercial landlords to fill vacant storefront spaces more quickly – details on this program can be found [here](#)

Staff have worked with commercial real estate experts to develop online resources to help small businesses navigate the local commercial real estate market and occupancy of commercial space in Vancouver. These guides are available in 6 languages.

Through area planning, the City is helping to facilitate additional population and jobs to ensure the viability and continued health of our retail commercial high streets.

Staff prepare an annual report on the health of the city's retail commercial areas. Our most recent report notes that the citywide storefront vacancy rate remained steady at ~12% between March 2021 and March 2022. The 2023 report will be published in June 2023. Data collected as part of this annual reporting can provide additional insights into the location and duration of vacancy (e.g. sites with long term/ persistent vacancy vs. sites with short term vacancy between tenants). The data can also be combined with other CoV information to further understand potential causes of vacancy (e.g. neighbourhood demographic changes, city permit data).

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R17 Advocacy for Pet Friendly Housing City of Port Moody

Whereas companion animals have been proven to enhance physical, emotional and mental wellbeing, particularly for vulnerable British Columbians such as women, young people, households with lower incomes, renters and those experiencing homelessness who identify greater reliance on their companion animals for support and greater difficulty finding affordable, pet-friendly housing;

And whereas the lack of pet-friendly housing continues to be the primary reason for the surrender of healthy, loved, adult companion animals to the BC SPCA, despite the provincial government's work to increase housing affordability and supply:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and LMLGA ask the Province of British Columbia to direct BC Housing to develop strategies and guidance that support pet-friendly housing in the non-profit sector;

And be it further resolved that UBCM and LMLGA ask the Province of British Columbia to consider pet friendly housing in the BC Housing Strategy update and to work with stakeholders (including but not limited to landlord's and tenant's associations, animal welfare organizations, public health, mental health and seniors organizations, and poverty reduction and homelessness advocates) to find cooperative solutions to increase the availability and affordability of pet-friendly housing for all British Columbians while providing appropriate protections and mechanisms of compensation for landlords.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking BC Housing to develop strategies and guidance that support pet-friendly housing in the non-profit sector. Nor has the membership considered the request to consider pet friendly housing in the BC Housing Strategy update and to work with stakeholders (including but not limited to landlord's and tenant's associations, animal welfare organizations, public health, mental health and seniors organizations, and poverty reduction and homelessness advocates) to find cooperative

solutions to increase the availability and affordability of pet-friendly housing for all British Columbians while providing appropriate protections and mechanisms of compensation for landlords.

The Committee also advises that the UBCM Executive considered, but did not endorse, referred resolution 2020-NR74 which asked the Province to change the Residential Tenancy Act and Strata Property Act such that landlords and strata organizations may not reject applicants for rental units because their family unit may include pets.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No Recommendation

R18 Updating the Strata Property Act to Include Allowances for Heat Pumps and Other Mechanical Cooling Systems City of Port Moody

Whereas climate change is worsening conditions, increasing daytime and nighttime temperatures and other vulnerabilities for low-income residents of multi-unit residential buildings;

And whereas the current Strata Property Act permits Strata Councils to enact bylaws that permit or restrict the addition of mechanical cooling to an individual unit within a strata property, and therefore this restriction creates an unsafe interior environment in the case of heat domes and other high temperatures:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to amend the Strata Property Act to allow the addition of heat pumps or other efficient mechanical cooling systems without the need to amend individual Strata corporation bylaws.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to amend the Strata Property Act to allow the addition of heat pumps or other efficient mechanical cooling systems without the need to amend individual Strata corporation bylaws.

The Committee would note that were the proposed change to be implemented, consideration would need to be given to addressing potential impacts on common property, such as building envelope impacts (e.g. wall penetrations).

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several additional resolutions calling for provincial assistance and programs to support and incent energy retrofits of buildings to, in-part, help lower GHG emissions (2022-EB31, 2022-NR18, 2021-EB40, 2019-B152, 2018-B31, 2014-B28, 2014-B64, 2012-B25) and calling for federal and provincial programs to provide incentives for residential energy efficiency (2020-NR52, 2014-B28, 2014-B93, 2012-B25, 2010-B86, 2009-B166, 2007-B33, 2007-B177, 2006-B111).

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse

Suggested amendments: Strata property act be changed to enable the adoption of heat pumps as well as installation of other passive cooling measures such as blackout curtains or light reflecting window devices , especially during declared heat emergencies. Further, related changes to the Residential Tenancy Act should be consider to facilitate the adoption of heat pumps and passive cooling measures in rental buildings.

Comments: The resolution is in line with current Building Policy and Sustainability objectives to reduce building GHG emissions and reduce risk of heat related injury to building occupants. Policy changes in these areas may be less effective if other legislative barriers could obstruct the installation of heat pumps or cooling systems needed to achieve these objectives.

Engagement with community members has indicated that individuals are often unable to install a portable unit or even blackout curtains or other passive cooling interventions because it is considered an aesthetic change outside of the unit visible through windows (even when there is no impact to the building envelope). Engagement with community has also indicated that cooling at home is the preferred response to Heat events and in many cases citizens are unable to leave their homes to get to cooled spaces elsewhere. The ability to install cooling supports is essential to keeping people safe at home during heat events.

Further, it can be challenging to install individual unit heat pumps (in many cases the most affordable and co-beneficial way to decarbonize) because it shifts some operating costs (decreased reliance on central boiler) from the landlord to the tenant (who may see increase in unit's electrical bills). Tenancy act changes that allow for heat pump adoption while protecting tenants against unfair rent increases are required.

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R19 Requirement for Cooling in Rental Units City of Port Moody

Whereas climate change is worsening conditions and increasing vulnerabilities in the built environment, and the majority of heat dome deaths were in low-income and multi-unit residential buildings that lacked access to cooling;

And whereas the Residential Tenancy Act states in general terms that landlords must comply with health, safety, and housing standards required by law, including heat but not cooling:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to make the necessary changes to the Residential Tenancy Act to require cooling in rental units and buildings to ensure the health and safety of all British Columbians.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to make the necessary changes to the Residential Tenancy Act to require cooling in rental units and buildings to ensure the health and safety of all British Columbians.

This proposed changes may have unintended consequences relating to the costs of affordable rental housing including costs for local government housing corporations.

However, the Committee notes that the membership did support resolution 2022-EB11 that addressed the need for cooling centres during extreme heat events. Membership have also endorsed wide ranging resolutions relating to provision of safe housing in general (2022-EB27, 2022-EB26).

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: The provision of cooling may require the installation of equipment in building subject to a building permit, and the distinguishing between rental and non-rental buildings (or portions of buildings) is difficult since this is not tied to the design of a building. It is suggested that it may be more equitable and effective from a regulatory perspective to approach this based on building typology (multi-family residential) rather than use. It should also be considered whether such policy should apply only to newly constructed buildings, or if a broader (but more challenging) approach to include existing buildings is intended as there may be significant cost implication to an owner to retrofit cooling into an existing building. Other considerations include whether this requirement will result in rental increases beyond the annual allowable limit, require tenants to be evicted in order to carry out necessary building or unit upgrades, which may also lead to higher rents (i.e. renoviction) and the enforcement capacity at both the Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) and municipal level.

Unclear what specific costs are anticipated to rise if this resolution were passed, but life-safety should outweigh financial impacts. This could be balanced by reviewing the cost of heat-related hospital visits during extreme heat events and emergency preparedness and response costs for both municipalities and the Province. Community members have very clearly articulated the need for in-home cooling supports. Centralized Cooling Centres are not a viable option for those most vulnerable to extreme heat (e.g., seniors with dementia, people with disabilities, etc.) due to accessibility, decision-making, and mobility barriers. Other cities (e.g., Chicago) have instituted Temperature Ordinance that provides thermal maximums and minimums that landlords must meet through a variety of different solutions which may include passive cooling, fans, etc. In the case of Portland, Oregon, the City has partnered with the State Energy Utility to distribute mechanical cooling to 15,000 low-income residents.

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R20 Large Infrastructure Project Impacts on Housing Crisis District of Squamish

Whereas the Province has acknowledged that there is a housing crisis affecting communities across all of British Columbia and has chosen to take unprecedented action to address this challenge by looking for opportunities and taking action to deliver long-term housing supply;

And whereas large infrastructure projects mandated or approved by the Province put immense pressure on available housing rental and ownership stock, and tourism infrastructure by requiring a significant number of temporary workers without appropriate workforce housing plans as a requirement of project approval:

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA and UBCM request that the Province require robust and detailed workforce housing plans integral to the approval process for large infrastructure projects, to address and minimize the cumulative impacts of temporary workforce housing on communities and deliver a positive housing legacy.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to require robust and detailed workforce housing plans integral to the approval process for large infrastructure projects, to address and minimize the cumulative impacts of temporary workforce housing on communities and deliver a positive housing legacy.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed two resolutions addressing the impacts of workforce housing plans or work camps:

- 2014-A4 which asked the provincial government to establish a “single window approval process” for work camps that allows for stakeholder comment to address the location, operation, safety, health and socio-economic impacts associated with a work camp; and
- 2005-B36, which in part expressed concern about the impacts of increased economic activity on housing, medical services, recreation and other aspects of communities and sought consultation (in this specific resolution) with the Oil and Gas Commission in advance so local jurisdictions were aware of their plans that would affect future community and regional development.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R21 Provincial Cannabis Tax Sharing with Local Governments City of Port Moody

Whereas the Canadian federal government has clearly stated its expectation that provincial cannabis tax revenue be shared with local governments and such revenues are currently being shared between the provinces and local governments in Ontario, Quebec, and Alberta, but not in British Columbia;

And whereas the sharing of cannabis tax revenue will provide much needed funding for local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to share up to 50% of provincial revenues generated from the production and sale of cannabis products with BC local governments.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to share up to 50% of provincial revenues generated from the production and sale of cannabis products with BC local governments.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking an equitable share of cannabis taxation revenue for local governments to address costs and responsibilities resulting from the legalization of non-medical cannabis (2022-EB32, 2020-SR2, 2019-A2, 2018-SR1, 2017-SR1, 2016-A3).

In August 2021, the UBCM Select Committee on Local Government Finance released its report, Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency, focusing on cost drivers related to attainable housing, community safety and climate change. Recommendation #12 in the report is to “seek a targeted consumption tax that provides local governments a share of provincial cannabis taxation revenue.”

The Committee understands that several taxes are applied to cannabis sold in BC: the federal excise tax, GST, PST, and a further 15 percent provincial mark-up on the landed cost of cannabis. The Province, to this point, has not shared any of its cannabis taxation revenue with local governments.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: The City of Vancouver has consistently supported the call to the Provincial Government to expedite a fair provincial-local government cannabis excise tax revenue sharing agreement. DBL agrees with the continued call on the Province to comply with the intent of the federal excise tax revenue sharing scheme, and recognize the costs and responsibilities assumed by local governments by negotiating an equitable cannabis taxation revenue sharing agreement. Due to years of this UBCM request being denied by the Province, it is not unreasonable to ask the Province to share up to 50% of provincial revenues generated from the production and sale of cannabis products with BC local governments.

Staff contact: Sarah Hicks, Chief License Inspector, 604.873.7546

R22 Large Infrastructure Project Impacts on Public Safety District of Squamish

Whereas in 2019 BC enacted the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls found that Indigenous women and girls experienced violence as a result of industrial work camps in proximity to their communities;

And whereas large infrastructure projects mandated or approved by the Province are in the planning, construction, operation and closure phases across BC;

And whereas significant numbers of temporary workers are required to reside in or near communities to execute these projects, and the provincial government has committed to addressing the public safety concerns of British Columbians:

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA and UBCM request that provincial regulation of temporary workforce accommodation be expanded beyond basic servicing and environmental requirements, and that monitoring, evaluation and accountability be expanded for specific recommended mitigation measures to minimize impacts on local communities including but not limited to gender-based violence.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to expand the regulation of temporary workforce accommodations to include enhanced monitoring, evaluation and accountability measures that address gender-based violence and improve community safety.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed two resolutions addressing the impacts of work camps

- 2014-A4, which asked the provincial government to establish a “single window approval process” for work camps that allows for stakeholder input to address the location, operation, safety, health and socio-economic impacts associated with a work camp; and
- 2005-B36, which in part expressed concern about the impacts of increased economic activity on housing, medical services, recreation and other aspects of communities and sought consultation (in this specific resolution) with the Oil and Gas Commission in advance so local jurisdictions were aware of their plans that would affect future community and regional development.

The Committee further notes that the membership has also endorsed numerous resolutions addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S) Calls for Justice, and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including 2022-EB85, 2021-EB77, 2019-LR4, 2018-B150, 2018-B23, 2015-B106, 2012-B32, and 2009-B143.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No Recommendation

R23 Working Committee for Flood Disasters Village of Harrison Hot Springs District of Kent

Whereas flooding is one of the most common natural disasters in British Columbia that impacts communities, flood plains, agriculture, and prominent First Nations lands;

And whereas flood risks continue to substantially grow due to climate change and the lack of pro-active flood management and protection such as regional flood risk assessment and flood protection program by the Province of British Columbia and the federal government:

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA request UBCM to establish a working committee consisting of local government, provincial, federal and First Nation members to address the future flooding disaster and to restore flood protection by completing and implementing a flood risk assessment to develop strategic flood protection for critical infrastructure and to build back resilient communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking UBCM to establish a working committee with local governments, provincial and federal governments and First Nations members to address future flooding risks and to enhance flood protection.

However, the Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions requesting support and/or funding for flood protection, prevention and mitigation measures (2021-EB6, 2020-SR1, 2020-NR16, 2019-B12, 2018-B123, 2018-B94, 2018-B37, 2016-B56, 2015-B97, 2015-B7, 2014-B76, 2013-A1, 2013-A2, 2012-B3, 2012-B4, 2011-B11, 2011-B12, 2011-B79, 2010-B8, 2009-B3, 2008-B69, 2007-A1

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments:

- The proposed Resolution requests a Working Committee to complete a flood risk assessment and develop a flood protection strategy. The Fraser Basin Council has completed studies for the Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy (LMFMS) providing information on the flood risk assessment along the Fraser River. Collaboration with Fraser Basin Council may benefit the development of a flood protection strategy for critical infrastructure.
- Recommend replacing the phrase “natural disaster” with “natural hazard”. Flooding is a natural process that can co-exist with settlement, but flood damage is the result of planning decisions, which increase exposure to flood hazards and building/infrastructure designs that that aren’t flood resilient.

Staff contact: Jimmy Zammar, Director - Urban Watersheds, Sewers and Drainage, Engineering Services, 605-753-7315

ENVIRONMENT

R24 Understanding BC Hydro's Electrification Capacity District of Squamish

Whereas BC municipalities are moving quickly to enable electrification through community climate action plans and municipal energy and emissions plans;

And whereas there is currently a lack of funding or incentives to support electrification in existing residential, commercial and institutional building retrofits, and a lack of certainty that the electrical grid has the capacity to accommodate the anticipated electrical demand that will result from future retrofits:

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA and UBCM coordinate with the Province, BC Utilities Commission and BC Hydro regarding the need for communities to understand BC Hydro's readiness to meet electrification requirements and to support electrification in retrofits in order for communities to meet climate action goals.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution seeking to understand BC Hydro's readiness to meet electrification requirements and to support electrification in retrofits in order for communities to meet climate action goals.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions addressed to BC Hydro on electricity issues, including:

- 2022-EB47 and 2020-NR49 which asked BC Hydro to reinstate their electricity purchase program for renewable energy projects from local governments;
- 2021-NR29 which asked the Province to change the regulatory framework to support communities in partnering with BC Hydro to provide safe reliable clean energy and to generate revenue sources to support local economies;
- 2016-B38 which asked BC Hydro to reinstate and adequately fund the BC Hydro Remote Community Electrification program to sustain the economic and social well-being of remote and rural communities throughout BC; and
- several resolutions asking the Province and BC Hydro to support extensions of electrical power infrastructure to specific area of the province that are currently underserved or not presently serviced (2012-B36, 2008-B45, 2004-B25).

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Support recommendations/Endorse

Suggested amendments:

Comments:

Sustainability comment: The City's climate targets require a shift to electrification (for buildings and vehicles). Cities across BC have similar targets and are similarly moving to electrify buildings and vehicles. City staff are currently working with BC Hydro to better understand potential grid constraints and servicing challenges related to electrification. BC Hydro has shown in their Integrated Resources Plan that they are planning for widespread electrification to meet the provincial CleanBC goals. While efforts are being made, this resolution points towards stronger coordination efforts and additional funding support to electrify existing buildings, both of which are needed

Staff contact for Sustainability: Brad Badelt, Manager of Climate Mitigation, 604-673-8165

DBL comment: Current building policy and sustainability objectives to electrify existing building systems (including provision of electric vehicle charging) will only succeed if sufficient electrical capacity at affordable rates are in place. CoV's Zero Emission Building Plan objective of 0% (in operation) by 2050, and 50% target by 2030 will create a significant demand on the electrical grid, and the lead time to construct new infrastructure may be considerable. It is therefore vital to understand BC Hydro ability to provide additional capacity and willingness to support electrification at the consumer level, and also to keep BC Hydro informed of expected future electrical needs. While effort has been made by CoV staff to have this dialog with BC Hydro, a broader understanding of local government needs will be useful. It is suggested that Sustainability be approached for further comment as they have been leading the communication efforts with BC Hydro and broader policy in this area.

Staff contact for DBL: Kevin Lau, Manager Building Policy, 604.871.6085

FINANCE

R25 eGaming Revenue Distribution

City of Burnaby

Whereas eGaming revenue is increasing as a proportion of overall gaming revenue collected by the Province;

And whereas eGaming revenue is not currently shared with municipalities, unlike casino revenues which are shared with host cities for the purpose of public benefits:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to allocate a portion of BCLC's online revenues based on per capita or eGaming revenue earned from each municipal resident spend.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to allocate a portion of BCLC's online revenues based on per capita or eGaming revenue earned from each municipal resident spend.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions requesting that BCLC eGaming revenues be used to fund a Community Gaming Grant program to financially support non-host communities with populations of less than 25,000 (2018-B112) and that 10% of net revenue from online gambling be shared with local governments on the basis of population (2019-B131).

Further, the membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to share a portion of lottery revenue with:

- all BC local governments (2011-B28, 2008-B119);
- communities under 10,000 (2020-EB37); and
- host communities who should receive an increased percentage return (2013-B100)

Alternatively, the Committee advises that the membership considered, but did not endorse, the following resolutions addressing the share of gambling revenue:

2020-NEB1 which asked that revenues generated by online gaming be allocated to local governments to replace lost casino gaming revenues for host local governments experiencing shortfalls due to the closure of gaming facilities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

2012-B135 which asked the Province to redistribute gaming revenue based on the residence of the patron at the gaming facility and the amount played, and share a percentage of gaming revenue with all local governments on a per capita basis while maintaining existing arrangements with casino host local governments to keep the host local governments of gaming facilities whole.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation

R26 Casino Revenue Sharing in Regional Districts City of Port Moody

Whereas the original intent of solely sharing casino revenue with host communities was to offset the perceived and projected negative impacts of hosting a casino, and according to the Province, most communities have experienced minimal, if any, negative financial consequences as a result of hosting such a facility and are using the revenue they receive for other, locally determined priorities;

And whereas there has been a precedent set with the Town of View Royal for partial regional casino revenue sharing, and residents from all communities throughout a region contribute to the revenue of a casino but do not receive the benefits, and therefore this creates an inequitable distribution of funds which could and should benefit residents of the entire regional district;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to make the necessary legislative changes to ensure equitable distribution of casino revenue within regional districts.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to make the necessary legislative changes to ensure equitable distribution of casino revenue within regional districts.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to share a portion of lottery revenue with:

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- 2001-B56 which asked that the BCLC pay back 10% of profits from sales generated in a municipality, regional district or first nation to the municipality, regional district or first nation; and further that net casino profits be divided as 10% to the host municipality and 10% to the host regional district with proceeds to be shared on a per capita basis within the regional district, with the exception of the host municipality.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation

TAXATION

R27 Permissive Tax Exemptions for Religious Organizations District of Squamish

Whereas statutory tax exemptions are automatically granted and applied to recipients, while municipalities are given the choice of whether or not to apply a permissive exemption, as well as set other parameters and limitations around permissive exemptions, such as size, duration, percentage of budget, and establish application processes and benefits tests to maximize the public benefit derived from permissive tax exemptions;

And whereas municipalities lack the ability to control the size and allocation of statutory tax exemptions, which can constitute a significant portion of municipal budgets, and statutory tax exemptions for places of worship are granted in perpetuity:

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA and UBCM lobby the provincial government to amend the Community Charter to move the tax exemption granted to places of public worship under the statutory Section 220(1)(h), to the permissive Section 224(2).

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM Executive considered, but did not endorse, referred resolution 2020-NR30 which made the same request, to move the tax exemption

"places of public worship" from statutory [Section 220 (1) (h)], to permissive [Section 24 (2)].

Prior to 2020, the matter had not been brought forward for consideration. The Committee is offering no recommendation recognizing that the broader membership has not considered this matter.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation, if only for Community Charter.

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: City of Vancouver's policy relies on statutory tax exemptions; the City does not provide permissive tax exemptions and instead relies on grants to support community partners. Changes to statutory exemption trigger needs for new grants framework if the City wished to continue to support religious organizations.

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TRANSPORTATION

R28 Bringing Equity to Traffic Enforcement City of New Westminster

Whereas the primary deterrent from exceeding speed limits or violating other road safety regulations on municipal roads in British Columbia are fines administered under the Violation Ticket Administration and Fines Regulation;

And whereas fixed rate fines are inequitable, disproportionately impacting people with lower incomes while applying lower deterrent value to people with higher incomes, creating a structural inequity in the application of justice:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM calls upon the provincial government to implement a means-tested traffic fine system, similar to Finland, Switzerland, Sweden or the UK, where fines may be calculated on the basis of the offender's income.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to implement a means-tested traffic fine system, similar to Finland, Switzerland, Sweden or the UK, where fines may be calculated on the basis of the offender's income.

However, the Committee notes that members have endorsed resolutions addressing fines for speeding and road safety violations, including:

- 2022-NR62 which asked the Province to increase fines for driving over a fire hose;
- 2020-NR11 which asked the Province to review and adjust traffic fines for speeding in an effort to make driving above the speed limit 'less attractive' for drivers in BC;
- 2007-B102 which asked for the reduction in speed limits and to double the fine amount when passing emergency vehicles stopped on roadways; and
- 2006-B16 which asked to double the fines for speeding in school and playground zones.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation from VPD.

LEGISLATIVE

R29 Personal Leaves for Elected Officials City of Coquitlam

Whereas Section 125(7) of the Community Charter only exempts elected officials from disqualification due to absences of 60 consecutive days or 4 consecutive regular scheduled board or council meetings if the absence is due to illness or injury or is with the leave of the council or board, but does not consider diverse realities or lived-experiences such as providing caregiving or compassionate care for loved ones, or parental leave for new parents;

And whereas it is recognized that the current language in the Community Charter and the Local Government Act do not protect leave rights for elected officials and require local governments to renew leave policies pertaining to elected officials after every new council composition;

And whereas it is recognized that reducing barriers to inclusion in civic governance requires intentional action to recognize diverse lived-experiences:

Therefore be it resolved that the LMLGA and UBCM encourage the provincial government to amend the Community Charter and Local Government Act to guarantee caregiver, compassionate care, and parental leave provisions that would grant elected officials, who must provide support to loved ones or are new parents, an exemption from being disqualified from office for absences of 60 consecutive days or 4 consecutive regular scheduled council or board meetings.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported resolutions specifically seeking parental leave for local elected officials (2022-EB79, 2021-NR1, 2016-B99).

However, the above referenced resolutions were limited to the topic of parental leave, and did not reference broader personal leaves for elected officials who find themselves in a role as caregiver or providing compassionate care to loved ones.

In response to 2022-EB79, the Province provided the following response:

“Under the existing legislation, local governments have full authority to grant leave for a wide variety of reasons to elected officials seeking this option. This authority includes the establishment of policies for such leave including handling of appointments (such as to boards and committees), and other duties during the leave and upon return. Furthermore, council members who have received approval for their absence from council attendance will not be at risk of disqualification for non-attendance at council meetings. The existing authority allows individual communities to design leave policies that reflect considerations for their unique circumstances for various types of leave.

The Province continues to observe an increase in the number of local governments that have adopted their own specific policies to allow elected officials to go on maternity or parental leave. The province will continue to favour an approach that allows individual communities to determine policies related to various types of leave under existing local government legislation, just as local governments determine remuneration and other benefits for local elected officials. Local governments are best placed to continue to develop policies that best account for circumstances in their communities.”

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation

ASSESSMENT

**R30 Varied Taxation Rate for Residential (Class 1) Properties
City of Langley**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia specifies that there is one assessment class for all types of residential properties even though the assessed value of attached and detached residential properties change values at different rates and other jurisdictions, such as Ontario, allow different tax rates for attached and detached residential properties;

And whereas in Langley City, a 4.94% property tax increase in 2018 resulted in a 0.4% decrease for detached residential properties and a 14.31% increase for attached residential property, and in 2022, a 4.35% property tax increase resulted in a 12.49% increase for detached residential properties and 3.37% decrease for attached residential properties:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to amend the BC Assessment Act and the Community Charter to allow the residential class to be split into two distinct residential classes so that a different rate may be applied to each type to account for the difference in the rate at which attached and detached residential properties change their value and to allow local government to more accurately charge for the cost of providing services to attached and detached residential properties.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Not Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has consistently chosen to not endorse resolutions seeking to split the residential assessment class in order to apply different tax rates to different types of residential property. Members considered, but did not endorse, resolutions 2021-NEB4, 2020-NEB7, 2019-B35, 2016-B105, 2003-B79, 2002-B41 all of which sought to have the residential class split.

However, the Committee notes that the UBCM Executive endorsed with an amendment, referred resolution 2018-B114, which read: “Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Provincial Government to explore the merits of establishing new property tax sub-classes, or amending the existing residential tax class, as a tool to address housing affordability.” The Province’s response to 2018-B114 noted that “British Columbia already has more property classes than most jurisdictions across Canada, and any changes would further complicate the assessment process. And, unless the Province prescribes the tax rates or a methodology to determine the tax rate ratios, there is no guarantee that the sub-classes or additional classes would be used as the Province intended, particularly when the real estate market shifts or when there is a shift in priorities.”

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Do not endorse

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: The CoV’s targeted land assessment averaging program is used to mitigate volatility within the residential property class.

Staff contact: Rob Evans, Associate Director Financial Strategy and Strategic Projects, LTFS, FRS 604-873-7472

ELECTIONS

**R32 Exemptions for Elections Workers
City of Burnaby**

Whereas there is no exemption under the Employment Standards Act for temporary municipal election workers hired to work on advance and general voting days;

And whereas the provincial government has an exemption from Part 4 of the Employment Standards Act relating to hours of work and overtime, and is therefore not required to meet these legislative requirements for temporary election workers:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to provide to local governments an exemption from Part 4 (Hours of Work and Overtime) of the Employment Standards Act, except section 39 which refers to excessive hours of work, as it would relate to temporary election workers during the local government elections and by-elections.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to provide local governments with an exemption from Part 4 (Hours of Work and Overtime) of the Employment Standards Act, except section 39 which refers to excessive hours of work, as it would relate to temporary election workers during the local government elections and by-elections.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: CoV would fully support this request.

Staff contact: Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk, 604-873-7177

**R33 Extending Election Nomination Period
City of Burnaby**

Whereas the manner in which election work is undertaken has evolved and can vary based on the size of the local government, current issues, and voter concerns;

And whereas processing nominations for local government general elections within a compressed period of nine days can be challenging for those local governments with large numbers of candidates choosing to run for office:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to amend the Local Government Act to begin the nomination period for local government elections at least three weeks earlier than currently legislated, and allow for a three week nomination period.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution ask the Province to amend the Local Government Act to begin the nomination period for local government elections at least three weeks earlier than currently legislated, and allow for a three week nomination period.

However, the Committee notes that the membership did endorse resolution 2016-B65 which sought an amendment to the Local Government Act to increase the time period between the end of the candidate nomination period and the beginning of the election period, to facilitate the administration of the mail ballot process and provide greater voting opportunities for citizens.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse with amendments

Suggested amendments: To begin the nomination period at least 6 weeks earlier.

Comments: CoV would recommend an earlier start of nomination period but keep the current nomination period to 2 weeks. The earlier start of nomination period in July would allow more time for candidates to campaign in August at public spaces and needs to factor in the challenge period.

Staff contact: Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk, 604-873-7177

R34 Public Funding of Municipal Election Campaigns City of Port Moody

Whereas Elections BC made changes to donation rules for municipal candidates to reduce perceived influence of corporations and unions, and while this has helped to increase participation in democracy, participation in municipal elections is still limited by the ability to participate financially through access to personal wealth and connections, rather than ideas and candidate skill set;

And whereas there has been increased scrutiny of endorsements and donations, and this has further divided communities and highlighted inequities in the electoral system:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to consider public funding of municipal election campaigns that includes ensuring equitable access and participation in municipal electoral campaigns for a more diverse range of candidates;

And be it further resolved that the Province investigate election measures such that all candidates have equitable access to endorsements.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to consider public funding of municipal election campaigns that includes ensuring equitable access and participation in municipal electoral campaigns for a more diverse range of candidates. Nor has the membership considered a request that the Province investigate election measures such that all candidates have equitable access to endorsements.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has sought changes to the campaign financing rules related to real-time disclosure; contribution limits; and who can contribute to election campaigns (2020-SR3, 2015-B94, 2013-B95), but have not considered the matter of publicly funding municipal election campaigns.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: No recommendation

Suggested amendments:

Comments: None

Staff contact: Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk, 604-873-7177

R35 Moving Away from Fossil Fuel Sponsorships District of Squamish

Whereas LMLGA member municipalities have supported many resolutions asking for urgent action on climate change, and in particular a transition away from fossil fuels including: asking the Municipal Finance Authority to divest from fossil

fuels, requesting that the province support a transition off of fossil fuels, asking that Clean BC be updated to “make every new building constructed in BC "zero emissions" and "net-zero energy ready" by 2032 , and the endorsement of a “Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty”;

And whereas current LMLGA Executive Policy on Sponsorship states that a, “... sponsor’s public image, mandate, products, and services must be consistent with the goals and values of the Lower Mainland LGA”, and the most recent (6th) International Panel on Climate Change Report identifies lobbying and advertising by fossil fuel companies as an obstacle to climate action.

Therefore be it resolved that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association directs its board to take meaningful, prudent steps to move away from fossil fuel sponsorships.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

This resolution is specific to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and won’t be going onto UBCM.

CoV Staff Review

Staff recommendation: Endorse

Suggested amendments: N/A

Comments: Vancouver has set a target of being carbon neutral before 2050, which means fossil fuel usage in the city will be phased out. This motion is in keeping with that direction (which is shared by other muni’s as well). This resolution, which proposes the LMLGA take meaningful steps away from fossil fuel sponsorships, is in line with the City’s climate goals and corporate priorities.

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