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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin later today regarding the initial allocation of funds from the Growing Communities Fund, following on your approval at this afternoon's Standing Committee.

Maria will reply with relevant Vancouver.ca and social links when they are live.

Best,  
Paul

**City of Vancouver**  
**Information bulletin**  
**July 26, 2023**

### **Major capital projects boosted by Growing Communities Fund**

Vancouver City Council approved **\$25 million in** funding for several major capital projects. Funding for these projects will come from the \$49.5 million grant received from the Provincial Government's [Growing Communities Fund](#).

The projects include:

- Beatty Street Bike Lane conversion to permanent configuration (\$2 million)
- Transportation safety & accessibility improvements (\$3 million)
- Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre renewal and expansion (\$3 million)
- Downtown Eastside Fire Hall #2 Temporary Annex (\$3 million)
- Renovation of Central Children's Library – Phase 2 (\$4.5 million)
- Construction of an artificial turf field at Moberly Park, construction of a spray park at Ross Park and conversion of temporary plazas to permanent facilities (\$10 million in total). Staff will be reporting back to confirm scope, cost and delivery timelines for these projects.

Staff will also report back with recommendations for allocation of the remaining \$23.6 million of the Growing Communities Fund as soon as possible and no later than the 2023-2026 Capital Plan mid-term update scheduled for mid-2024.

On February 10, 2023, the Provincial government announced the creation of the [Growing Communities Fund](#), which is a \$1 billion fund to address the cost of local government infrastructure required to support growing communities. The City of Vancouver received \$49.1 million from this fund in March 2023.

The 2023-2026 Capital Plan was approved by Council in June 2022, and presents a comprehensive overview of planned City capital investments in infrastructure and amenities which enhance the livability, sustainability and resilience of the city.

Visit [vancouver.ca/capitalprojects](https://vancouver.ca/capitalprojects) to learn more about how the City is delivering on the Capital Plan through projects happening across Vancouver.

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**Note to editors:** Please see amended motions below. This is a draft copy provided for your understanding and the published minutes are the official record of the meeting.

**Report 1: Provincial 'Growing Communities Fund': Initial Allocation to City Projects**

- A. THAT Council approve initial multi-year capital budget and funding adjustments for six projects as outlined in this report, which will result in:
- a) An increase of \$22.5 million to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan; and
  - b) An increase of \$25 million to the Multi-Year Capital Project Budgets.

Funding for these budget adjustments will come from the grant received from the Provincial Government's Growing Communities Fund. Details of the proposed adjustments can be found in Appendix A of this report.

- B. THAT staff report back with recommendations for the allocation of the remaining \$23.6 million of the Growing Communities Fund no later than the 2023-2026 Capital Plan Mid-term Update scheduled for mid-2024, prioritizing access to washrooms in the public realm and accessibility and inclusion improvements as found in Appendix B of this report.
- C. **THAT Council direct staff to include Parks within the priorities for the initial Growing Communities fund grant, and that a portion of funding for temporary plazas be used to fund and support the completion of a new turf field at Moberly Park and a spray park at Ross Park, both of which have been identified as a priority by the South Vancouver community;**

**AND that staff conduct the appropriate analysis and report back to Council regarding the scope, cost, and delivery timelines of these projects.**

- D. THAT Council direct staff to explore and report back on options and costs for full or partial addition of means prevention barriers as part of the Granville Connector, including consideration of:
- i. Allocating funds from the Growing Communities Fund
  - ii. Working with CMHC-Granville Island and senior governments to seek partner funds

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