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Good evening Mayor and Council,

Please note that the Province announced the funding for 390 Main and 320 Alexander this afternoon. The link is here:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2025HMA0073-000848>

Thank you,

Sandra

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Subject: Confidential Update: 390 Main St and 320 Alexander

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Confidential

Hello Mayor and Council,

As a follow up to last week's confidential update, please find below a further confidential update on Provincial funding for programming at 390 Main Street (operated by Aboriginal Front Door) and 320 Alexander Street (operated by Watari). **Please consider all information about the planned funding provided below confidential until the public announcement by the Province.**

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Commitment from the Province

- Staff have received confirmation from the Province (Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs) of an extension of funding for both programs.
- The funding will be extended until the end of March 2026. This funding, along with City contribution (outlined below), will allow for maintenance of services and hours of operation at current levels.
- The total contribution from the Province will amount to ~\$1.8 M for the 6 months of service.

- Operators will be notified confidentially later today.
- Public communication by way of a joint media statement, led by the Province in conjunction with the City, is tentatively scheduled for tomorrow (Tuesday) at 2pm.

#### City Contributions

- The City continues to provide access to two City-owned spaces for both services.
- Given the importance of the 390 Main Street storage operations for City by-law compliance work, staff are redirecting \$150,000 in 2025 ACCS vacancy savings to support the contract extension at 390 Main Street.
- The City's one-time 2025 funding contribution, being allocated from current year vacancy savings, will be used to offset some of the 2025 costs, with the Provincial funding covering the balance of 2025 and Q1 2026.

#### Next Steps

- Staff are working with the Province and providers through the logistics of the funding extension.
- Provincial funding after March 2026 has not been confirmed; staff will continue to advocate to the Province and BC Housing the importance of long-term stability of service provision.
- Additional information about the sites and the programs and the update from last week may be found below. This program information is not confidential.

Staff will advise Council once the announcement has been made.

Should Council have any further questions please contact Margaret Wittgens, GM Arts, Culture and Community Services at [margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca](mailto:margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca) and she will respond through the weekly Q&As.

Thank you,

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