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Subject: Province Announces Proposed Legislative Amendments Supporting Local Government-First Nations Relations

Dear Mayor and Council,

Earlier today, the Province announced proposed legislative amendments to make it easier for local governments and First Nations to work together by better protecting confidential and culturally sensitive information. The amendments will allow, and in some cases require, local governments to close meetings in specific circumstances involving First Nation–Local Government relations.

These changes respond directly to requests from First Nations, the City of Vancouver, and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) calling for amendments to support respectful dialogue, strengthen partnerships, and advance reconciliation.

As you may recall, in March 2024, the City formally requested that the Vancouver Charter be amended to provide the ability to conduct government-to-government meetings in camera with the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. The Province's legislative amendments align directly with this request and represent an important advancement in supporting meaningful and culturally respectful collaboration between governments.

The proposed legislation has received First Reading. If passed by the legislative assembly, the changes to the Vancouver Charter and Community Charter will come into effect upon receiving Royal Assent.

The Provincial news release can be found [here](#).

Thanks,
Donny

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱ ḵ y̱ m̱ (Musqueam), S̱ wxw̱7mesh (Squamish), and s̱ lilw̱ ta̱ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.