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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council"
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Subject: FWC26 Budget Update

Dear Mayor and Council,

Earlier today the Province of BC provided an update to media on the cost, revenue and economic benefits of the FIFA World Cup 2026™. This email provides some background and key messages concerning the event budget. All information in this email is public.

The Ministry of Tourism Arts, Culture and Sport held a phone-in technical briefing and the presentation from that briefing is available [online here](#). This was followed by a media availability with Anne Kang, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport and Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth. A [joint news release](#) was then issued, from the Province, the City of Vancouver, and PavCo. This news release includes the City of Vancouver's budget update, in Backgrounder 2.

- With this updated budget, the estimated total event costs range from \$685 million to \$729 million, up from \$532 million to \$624 million in 2025. This increase has been driven primarily by safety and security costs, refinements to the FIFA requirements, net Fan Fest costs, and, costs associated with third party service providers who are delivering Host City obligations.
- Notably, the City's contribution to the FWC26 budget remains \$5 million.
- Funding sources to offset the costs of delivering the event includes a time-bound incremental Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT), sponsorship and Fan Festival revenues, and federal contributions.

Key messages

Below are some key messages for your reference and use, as appropriate. As always, please direct media inquiries to media@vancouver.ca.

- With less than two weeks to go until FIFA World Cup 2026™ kicks off, the City of Vancouver is on track to host an unforgettable experience for Vancouver's residents and visitors alike.
- Vancouver's Host Committee has been working diligently to plan a safe, enjoyable experience while ensuring the tournament budget remains balanced.
- By hosting the FIFA World Cup 2026™, the City is making a strategic investment with immediate economic benefits, sustained long-term economic growth and lasting legacies.
 - These legacies include upgraded infrastructure at BC Place, enhanced community sport assets at Killarney Park, and strengthened cross-sector partnerships, coordination and technical expertise that will support future major events and benefit communities long after the tournament.
- It is important to note that the City of Vancouver's direct contribution to funding the delivery of FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver™ is limited to \$5 million, with the other City costs to be funded by local hotels via a time-bound Incremental Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT), federal government contributions and event-related revenues.
- The City continues to prioritize responsible cost management while working to ensure long-term

- benefits for the community.
- For details on the 2026 budget update for FIFA World Cup 2026™, please refer to the online materials [here](#).

Thanks,

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