



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 24, 2024

Budget Task Force Implementation Oversight Committee Established to Guide Fiscal Responsibility in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, BC – Today, Mayor Ken Sim moved an amendment to appoint Councillors Lenny Zhou, Lisa Dominato, and Peter Meiszner to the Budget Task Force Implementation Oversight Committee. This Committee will play a crucial role in guiding and monitoring the implementation of the strategic recommendations outlined in the Mayor’s Budget Task Force’s report, ushering in a new chapter of fiscal responsibility.

"Previous councils have commissioned reports like this, and they’ve sat on a shelf collecting dust. We’re not letting that happen again," says Mayor Ken Sim. "With this Committee, we’re not just talking about change, we’re making it happen by turning these recommendations into tangible actions for the benefit of all Vancouverites."

The Committee's primary objective is to oversee and monitor the progress of recommendations specified in the Mayor's Budget Task Force Report. As outlined in the Committee’s Terms of Reference, this includes reviewing the report, developing an implementation action plan, monitoring progress, and evaluating effectiveness. The Committee will collaborate with City staff and stakeholders to ensure successful implementation and provide regular updates to the Mayor and City Council.

Councillors Zhou, Dominato, and Meiszner will act as members on the Committee, which has a two-year term with the option to extend. The Committee will also consist of the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Mayor, who will support as a non-voting member.

"Vancouver deserves a City Council that doesn’t just talk about change but makes it happen," says Councillor Lenny Zhou. "Together with my dedicated colleagues, Councillors Lisa Dominato and Peter Meiszner, we’re committed to building a more accountable and prosperous future for our city."

With the establishment of the Budget Task Force Implementation Oversight Committee, City Council is sending a clear message: it’s a new era of fiscal responsibility and stewardship at the City of Vancouver.

-30-

Media Contact:

Maria Veras, Press Secretary
Office of the Mayor
maria.veras@vancouver.ca