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City Council Approves Key Amendments to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan

VANCOUVER, BC - Vancouver City Council has approved significant amendments to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, focusing on uplifting local neighbourhoods, enhancing road infrastructure, community amenities, transportation safety, and public spaces. These investments are designed to directly benefit Vancouver residents by improving daily life and ensuring a vibrant future for the city.

“Investing in our communities means delivering on core services and ensuring a safe and vibrant city for all,” said Mayor Ken Sim. “These amendments are a testament to our unwavering commitment to making Vancouver not just a great city, but the best place to live, work, and play.”

Uplifting Communities Fund

In an amendment from Mayor Ken Sim, City Council established the Uplifting Communities Fund with a \$6 million allocation from the Capital Plan. This fund will focus on sidewalk repairs, bin renewal, and other key infrastructure upgrades.

Building on the successes in Chinatown and Gastown, Council aims to replicate these positive changes in other Vancouver neighbourhoods across the city. The City’s engineering team and City Manager will prioritize projects based on neighbourhood need, ensuring the biggest impact where it’s needed most.

Pedestrian Safety

Making Vancouver streets safer is a top priority for City Council. \$5.5 million was allocated to further safety improvements. These funds will be used to install safety measures such as Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) and flashing beacons, crucial measures that enhance driver awareness and protect pedestrians at intersections. These investments will better safeguard Vancouver’s youth, families, and seniors from traffic-related risks, making city streets safer for everyone.

Improving Community Sports Facilities

To support a healthy and active lifestyle, Council allocated \$100,000 for Trout Lake Score Shack and Batting Cage upgrades and \$540,000 for the renewal of ball diamonds and playfields. This commitment ensures local youth sports teams can thrive and that Vancouverites have access to a more healthy and active lifestyle.

Local and Arterial Roads Rehabilitation

Council allocated an additional \$3 million for local roads and \$3.5 million for arterial roads. This investment ensures that Vancouver's roadways, whether for cars, trucks, or bikes, are accessible and effective for everyday use, improving connectivity across the city.

Civic Theatres and Public Spaces Enhancements

An additional \$1 million is allocated for the maintenance of Vancouver's Civic Theatres, while \$200,000 was allocated for the Italian Garden Fountain repair, \$100,000 for pump replacement at Hastings Park, and \$60,000 for Sunset Beach Park Activation.

Council is committed to making Vancouver a world-class city. These investments ensure that civic assets and public spaces are well-maintained for both residents and visitors to enjoy.

"These initiatives are central to our greater vision for Vancouver, a city that's more vibrant, clean, and safe," said Mayor Ken Sim. "By investing now, we're setting our communities up for a successful future."

By prioritizing these investments to enhance the city's infrastructure, community amenities, and public safety, Vancouver continues to evolve as a world-class city, becoming the best place to live, work, and play now and for generations to come.

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