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Mayor Ken Sim welcomes Provincial approval of new VPD training academy

VANCOUVER, B.C. – Today, Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim welcomed Provincial approval of the Vancouver Police Department’s new training academy at the Woodward’s complex in Gastown.

“This announcement delivers what we have been promising to Vancouver: a safer city for both residents and businesses,” said Mayor Ken Sim. “Locating this new academy at Woodward’s will help bring consistent activity and a stronger daily presence to the area, helping support safety and long-term renewal in the heart of our city.”

Last Monday, Vancouver City Council approved a motion brought forward by Councillor Brian Montague to allocate City funding to support the establishment of a VPD training academy and strengthen police recruitment capacity.

“Effective policing depends on having the capacity to train and recruit new officers,” said Councillor Montague. “This new training centre will ensure Vancouver can hire and prepare the number of officers needed to keep our city safe.”

The VPD Police Academy will increase Vancouver’s annual recruit capacity, provide greater operational flexibility, and present opportunities for long-term cost savings. The academy will also help ensure Vancouver can prepare its next generation of police officers to meet the demands of a growing city and major global events.

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