

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MAYOR'S OFFICE BUDGET 2019

OFFICE AND BUDGET SUMMARY

OVERVIEW

The Mayor is the chief executive officer of the City and the president of Vancouver City Council. Mayor and Council serve a population of nearly 650,000 residents living in the core city of a metropolitan region of approximately 2.5 million people.

The Mayor presides over Council meetings and works to ensure the administration of an approximately \$1.5 billion operating budget is carried out efficiently and effectively.

In addition to representing the City at official functions, the Mayor chairs or serves as a director of a number of key local, regional, and national organizations.

ABOUT MAYOR STEWART

On October 20, 2018, Kennedy Stewart was elected the 40th Mayor of Vancouver for a term of four years.

Prior to his election, Mayor Stewart served as a Member of Parliament for seven years and a tenured associate professor at Simon Fraser University's School of Public Policy.

Mayor Stewart has a PhD in Government from the London School of Economics and is married to Dr. Jeanette Ashe, Chair of the Political Science Department at Douglas College.

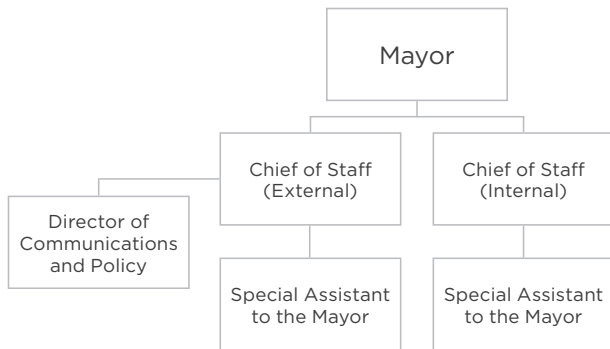


KEY PRIORITY AREAS

- Take action to begin clearing the permitting backlog with a focus on rental projects.
- Hire and staff up a Renters Advocate Office to provide legal advice and advocacy.
- Secure support and funding to extend SkyTrain under Broadway to UBC.
- Launch a Mayor's Emergency Opioid Task Force to help the City save lives.
- Launch a review of City policies to help support and grow small business.
- Introduce tough new conflict of interest rules and a new lobbyist registry.
- Secure long-term investments from senior levels of government for affordable housing.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The Office of the Mayor provides support to the Mayor as the Head of Council and the Chief Executive Officer of the City. The office has two divisions each with its own chief of staff.



INTERNAL

The internal division of the Mayor’s office deals with all matters relating to council proceedings and relations.

This includes preparing and reviewing matter for council meetings, coordinating council decisions with the City administration, enforcing laws for governing of the City, making recommendations to Council, and overseeing employees’ conduct.

These duties also include meetings with the public, and stakeholders.

EXTERNAL

The external division of the Mayor’s Office assists the Mayor in interfacing and negotiating with the federal, provincial, and other municipal governments as well as international obligations which is especially important when it comes to securing funding and legislative change from senior levels of government.

It also supports the Mayor with external commitments including chairing the Vancouver Police Board, Vancouver Economic Commission, serving as a director of the Vancouver Art Gallery, Metro Vancouver Board, Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation, Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District,

Greater Vancouver Water District, Translink Mayors’ Council and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Big City Mayors’ Caucus.

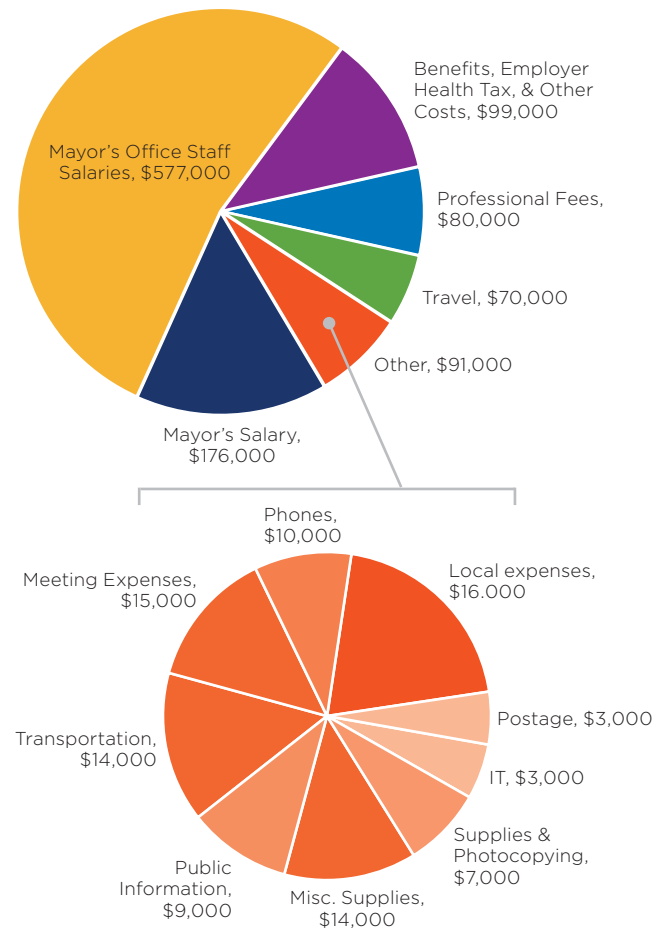
BUDGET

The budget for the Mayor’s Office is outlined in the budget under the heading “Mayor and Council”. The total budget for Mayor and Council is set at \$3.144 million in 2019.

Of this \$3.144 million, the Mayor’s Office will receive \$1.345 million (43%) and Council \$1.790 million (57%). These budgets include the salaries and benefits of elected officials and their staff.

Of the \$1.345 million, \$1.092 million is discretionary while \$0.262 million is non-discretionary administrative support.

FIGURE 1: MAYOR’S OFFICE \$1.092 MILLION DISCRETIONARY BUDGET



COMPARISONS

The total Mayor and Council budget represents a cost of \$4.98 per capita and ranks among the lowest when compared to other Canadian cities.

FIGURE 2: CANADIAN COMPARISONS

Total per capita Mayor and Council spending

