

CITY OF BURNABY COUNCIL IN BRIEF

January 24, 2022

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» **[2022-2026 Financial Plan](#)**

For 2022, Council adopted a 2.95% property tax increase, a 2% rate increase each for the Waterworks Utility and Sanitary Sewer, and a \$293 million capital plan.

» **[Property Assessment Values and Appeals](#)**

Council received a report informing them of the recent correspondence from BC Assessment to homeowners on assessment value increases. The average assessment increase for residential properties is approximately 13%. If an assessment for a residential property has increased by 13%, they will see a 2.95% property tax increase.

» **[Canada-British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability](#)**

Council was informed about the five calls to action to increase housing supply by the National Expert Panel. The City has undertaken several initiatives that align with many of the recommendations.

» **[Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility and Certification Program](#)**

The City will incorporate the latest available standards from the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) to improve accessibility in current and future City facilities. Future legislation may also introduce new standards.

» **[Voting Opportunities and Locations for 2022 Municipal Election](#)**

Council received information about Special Voting Opportunities and the 2022 voting locations for Advance and General Voting Days. The Local General Election will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 32 locations. Advance voting opportunities will be held on Saturday, October 1, Wednesday, October 5 and Saturday, October 8 from 8 am to 8 pm at six locations. Residents of the various care facilities will be able to vote by mail as part of the general local government election.

» **[Burnaby Hospital Foundation Grant](#)**

Council approved an in-kind community grant of up to \$5,000 for outdoor advertising, including street banners and space in City bus shelters, in support of their "For the Love of Burnaby Week" program, which runs from February 7 – 14, 2022.

» **[Purchase of Fire Trucks](#)**

Council approved the award of a contract to Safetek Emergency Services Ltd. to purchase two rescue trucks and two engine trucks.

» **[Additional Cost for Laurel Street Works Yard Phase 2 Building Construction](#)**

Council approved a cost increase for additional work of approximately \$985,000 on an approximately \$61.9 million contract to complete the construction of the second building at Laurel Street Works Yard.

» **[Animal Control Services](#)**

Council approved an extension for one year with the BCSPCA for continued operation of the City's animal shelter and provision of enforcement services.

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» [Highway 1 Pedestrian Overpass](#)

Council asked staff to return at a future meeting with additional information on the initial design, and authorized detailed design of a pedestrian-cyclist overpass across Highway 1. The overpass would connect Burnaby Lake and Deer Lake areas, and integrate into the City's trail system.

» [Grant Provided for Rapid Housing](#)

Council approved a grant for \$8 million for an additional 30 housing units for women and children at risk to support the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver's construction of a four-storey building at 8305 11th Avenue. The provincial government has granted \$11 million for the first 48 housing units.

» [Public Hearing Request for a Rezoning Request](#)

Council approved a request to bring a rezoning for a proposed non-market housing development at 8305 – 11th Avenue to a Public Hearing on February 22, 2022.

» [Endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty](#)

In response to recent climate events, Council formally endorsed the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and pledged to meet its proportionate greenhouse gas reductions under the Paris Climate Agreement.

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