

CITY OF BURNABY COUNCIL IN BRIEF

April 22, 2025

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» **7.1 2025 - 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw and Burnaby Financial Plan Bylaw 2025**

Council adopted the 2025–2029 Financial Plan, including the proposed funding, spending and transfers between City funds to determine how Burnaby will fund services, invest in infrastructure and manage its finances over the next five years. The plan includes a 3.9% property tax increase to help maintain core services and facilities. Due to changes in Provincial legislation around development financing, the City is now required to fund the share of the costs not related to growth. To establish a sustainable funding source and as a first step towards meeting this obligation, the City has introduced a new property tax levy of 1.9% which equates to approximately \$6.6 million per year. On Burnaby resident tax bills, this new levy will be referred to as the “Growth Infrastructure Investment.” A further breakdown of the financial plan is shown in Attachment 1.

[Attachment 1 – Burnaby Consolidated Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2025 – Schedule A and B](#)

[Attachment 2 – COB 2025-2029 Financial Plan](#)

» **7.3 Inclusion of Fairs, Festivals and Cultural Events as ‘not-for-profit’ businesses for the purpose of issuing a Burnaby Business Licence**

Council has approved a motion to consider fairs, festivals and cultural events as “not-for-profit” businesses for the purpose of issuing business licences. This aims to reduce barriers for small food vendors and make it easier for them to participate in local community events.

» **7.4 Proposed Bylaw Amendments – Heights-Based Development Framework**

Council approved proposed amendments to the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw and the Burnaby Consolidated Fees and Charges Bylaw to implement a new height-based development framework, which aims to simplify the City’s development process in line with recent provincial changes. The amendments also include updates to zoning and development fees to help make processes more transparent and efficient for developers and residents.

» **7.5 Proposed Bylaw Amendments to Address Veterans’ Parking and Parking Meter Zone Expansion**

Council approved a new initiative to offer free City parking to vehicles displaying official Veteran or Memorial Cross Recipient licence plates. This includes all City-managed locations, such as on-street meters and City-owned parking lots, and serves as a meaningful way to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Canada’s veterans.

» **8.1 EC - RE: Enhancing Food Sustainability in Burnaby**

Council directed staff to explore the possibility of offering more plant-forward food options at City facilities, following a presentation to the Environment Committee on March 31, 2025 highlighting the environmental benefits of reducing reliance on animal-based food products. Staff would also look at new ways to inform, promote and encourage more sustainable food choices for patrons.

» **8.8 PDC - RE: BC Parkway Boundary to Royal Oak Framework Plan**

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Council approved this plan, which outlines a long-term vision to enhance public spaces along the corridor through Metrotown. Though implementation also depends on working with partners such as TransLink and BC Hydro, the plan aims to transform the area into a more connected, accessible and vibrant space for the community.

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