

REPORT

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

To: Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council
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Subject: 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the 2023-2026 New Westminister City Council Strategic Priorities Plan for adoption.

The 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan

The 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan will be guided by this Vision:

New Westminister is: *A vibrant, compassionate, resilient city where everyone can thrive.*

Council has identified **Five Strategic Priorities** in the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan to guide the workplans of all City Departments:

Strategic Priority 1 - Community Belonging and Connecting:

Goal: A community where everyone belongs and has the opportunity to connect and contribute.

Strategic Priority 2 - Homes and Housing Options:

Goal: Clear the way for all types of homes needed by people today and tomorrow, prioritizing homes for those with the greatest need.

Strategic Priority 3 - People-Centered Economy:

Goal: A local, nimble, resilient economy that serves our local community.

Strategic Priority 4 - Safe Movement of People:

Goal: Prioritize the movement of people on foot, cycle and transit on streets that are safer for all.

Strategic Priority 5 - Asset Management and Infrastructure:

Goal: Resilient infrastructure that meets the community's needs today and into the future.

City staff workplans on the Five Strategic Priorities will be informed by both **Foundations** and **Lenses**:

- A. Reconciliation
- B. Public Engagement
- C. Climate Action and Environment
- D. DEIAR (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism)
- E. Organizational Effectiveness

Progress on the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan will be reported to City Council and the community on a regular quarterly basis, demonstrating our commitment to transparency and accountability.

Attachment A provides the text version of the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan. At the May 8th Regular Council meeting, the official document will be presented to City Council.

NEXT STEPS

Departments are in the process of creating their annual workplans to reflect the Strategic Priorities. Department Heads will provide Council with a presentation on the annual workplans – including resource requirements - at a subsequent Council meeting.

OPTIONS

There are two options for the report:

Option 1 – THAT Council adopt the 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan.

Option 2 – Provide staff with alternate direction.

Options 1 is recommended.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL LIAISON

All City Departments have participated and are represented in the development of this new Council Strategic Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Plan

APPROVALS

This covering report was written by:

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