



TEAM'S

Services. Stability. Safety. Guarantee



Key Commitments

Vancouver’s municipal government is responsible for delivering essential services, maintaining public infrastructure and managing residents’ tax dollars responsibly.

TEAM has already released detailed policies on transportation, parks and recreation, public safety, the environment, neighbourhood planning, economic development and accountability.

The Services. Stability. Safety. Guarantee establishes a fiscal framework that TEAM would use to deliver these key commitments:

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01 INVESTING IN CORE SERVICES

Increasing Investment in Core Services

TEAM will make core municipal services and infrastructure the highest priority in City budgeting.

TEAM believes that transportation infrastructure, parks and recreation, public safety, environmental infrastructure and neighbourhood amenities are essential municipal responsibilities.

The new commitment is to ensure those priorities are reflected across the City budget.

TEAM will place greater emphasis on investing in:

- Road and street maintenance
- Sidewalk repair and accessibility
- Clean streets and public spaces
- Maintenance and renewal of existing City infrastructure
- Parks, recreation and neighbourhood amenities
- Public safety and emergency services

TEAM will also prioritize maintenance before infrastructure deteriorates to the point that more expensive replacement is required.

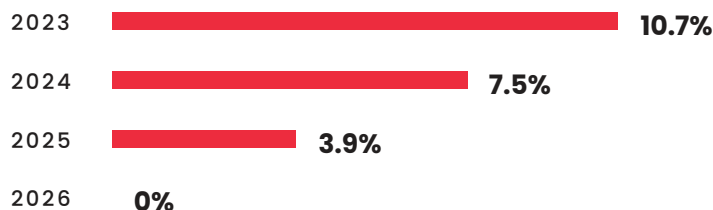
City departments will be expected to establish measurable service standards so Council and residents can determine whether increased spending is producing better results.

TEAM pledges additional annual funding for frontline maintenance and core-service delivery above the existing budget baseline.

Predictable Property Tax Pledge

Vancouver households and businesses should be able to plan ahead without facing large and unpredictable increases in property taxes.

During the current Council term, Vancouver taxpayers have seen wild fluctuations in the annual property tax increase:



Ken Sim said that he ran in part on a mandate of fiscal responsibility and bringing efficiency to the city. Over his four-year term he delivered annual property tax increases compounded to **over 23%**.



TEAM's Predictable Property Tax Pledge will establish a clear rule and prevent election year "zero means zero" stunts:

Annual property taxes will not increase above inflation.

*Inflation will be measured using the annual-average percentage change in Statistics Canada's unadjusted All-items Consumer Price Index for British Columbia.

Predictable, low taxes. Stable budgeting. No election-year surprises.



03 RESPECT FOR TAXPAYERS

Respect for Taxpayers

TEAM will combine its property-tax commitment with a comprehensive review of what City Hall spends.

Cutting Spending That Cannot Demonstrate Value

TEAM will examine discretionary and non-core expenditures and redirect savings toward core municipal services.

Examples of expenditures TEAM would subject to this test include:

\$289,586

in 2026 Community Climate Action Grants, including projects involving education, workshops and community programming which did not produce meaningful physical infrastructure

\$118,306

for an external consultant to develop an Engineering Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy

Staff resources

devoted to the “Bitcoin Friendly City” initiative, which City staff ultimately recommended ending after determining that Bitcoin was not an allowable City investment under the Vancouver Charter.

TEAM’s position is that practical environmental infrastructure and other measurable municipal services should take priority over ideological initiatives that cannot demonstrate real results for residents.

Savings identified from such expenditures would be redirected towards roads, sidewalks, infrastructure, cleanliness, public safety and other core services.

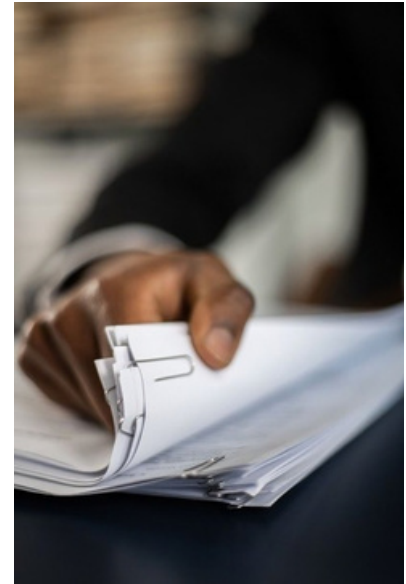
Line-by-Line Budget Review

After the 2022 election, Ken Sim said his administration would go “line by line” through the City’s finances to find opportunities to reprioritize spending while maintaining existing service levels

But his own Budget Task Force later acknowledged that it adopted a line-by-line approach only “in some budget areas” before shifting away toward a broader structural review.

Its mandate also explicitly excluded the Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Public Library and Vancouver Park Board, despite the fact that the Task Force encouraged Council to consider reviewing those areas because of their substantial share of City spending.

The result was not the comprehensive line-by-line review Sim originally described.



TEAM will undertake a comprehensive line-by-line review of the City’s Operating and Capital budgets.

The review will examine:

- Where costs have increased and why
- Whether programs are producing measurable results
- Whether expenditures are part of the City’s core municipal responsibilities
- Whether services or administrative functions are duplicated
- Whether consulting and outside contracts provide value for money
- Where resources can be redirected toward higher-priority services

This review will build on TEAM’s commitments to departmental service plans, performance benchmarks, public scrutiny of City budgets and independent financial oversight through the Office of the Auditor General.

\$34.19 million**931**

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Vancouver's Auditor General reported that the City distributed \$34.19 million through 931 community grants in 2024. The audit identified areas where the City needed to improve how it defines program objectives, measures performance and demonstrates the effectiveness and efficiency of its grants.

A Record of Financial Accountability

TEAM mayoral candidate Colleen Hardwick introduced the Council motion that initiated the creation of Vancouver's independent Office of the Auditor General and later moved the recommendations establishing the office.

TEAM will build on that approach through independent oversight, measurable performance standards and public scrutiny of City spending.



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TEAM's Commitment

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- 01** Increase funding for core services

 - 02** Keep annual property tax increases at or below inflation

 - 03** Go through the City budget line by line

 - 04** Cut spending that cannot demonstrate sufficient value

 - 05** Redirect savings toward the core services residents rely on
