

# CITY OF BURNABY COUNCIL IN BRIEF

**November 4, 2024**

*This is an overview of the City Council meeting for this date. For a full account, visit [Burnaby.ca/eagenda](https://burnaby.ca/eagenda)*

## » [6.1 Burnaby Arts Council Organizational Renewal](#)

Council approved a motion to hire a consultant to work with the Burnaby Arts Council, to undertake a review of their practices to identify ways to improve their service delivery, operating model and identify new funding opportunities to help the organization navigate recent financial and organizational issues.

## » [6.2 2025 Waterworks Utility Rates](#)

## » [6.3 2025 Sanitary Sewer Utility Rates](#)

Council approved 2025 rate increases of:

- 0 per cent for water services
- 20 per cent for sewer services (approx. \$123.50 for a house and \$66.50 for an apartment/multi family dwelling unit)

The City will use reserves to reduce the impact of Metro Vancouver's rate increases to our residents, keeping our 2025 increases to residents low compared to the rate increases passed along from Metro Vancouver (7.2% for waterworks and 49.84% for sewer services).

## » [7.4 Interim Update to the Burnaby Housing Needs Report](#)

Council received an interim update to the Burnaby Housing Needs Report, which details Burnaby's housing needs over the next 20 years. Compared to the 2021 Housing Needs Report, this update includes substantial increases to the targets for how much housing Burnaby needs to create. This significant jump is due to new methodology from the Province.

## » [7.6 Earthquake Strategies and Actions Framework](#)

Council approved the preliminary framework for the Burnaby Strategies and Actions for Earthquake Resilience (B-SAFER) strategy, and authorized staff to move forward with the development of a detailed strategy for Burnaby's earthquake response and recovery efforts. The development of B-SAFER will include input from residents, stakeholders and First Nations.

## » [7.7 Burnaby Food System Strategy](#)

City Council adopted the Burnaby Food System Strategy, which outlines the ways in which the City of Burnaby can lead and support action towards sustainable food systems and food security for all people in Burnaby. The strategy includes 75 proposed actions to support that goal, including: allowing front yard/alleyway farm stands in residential areas, implementing the Council-approved framework (2022) for the keeping of urban hens in backyards and other appropriate areas and exploring the possibility of allowing residents to engage in food gardening on boulevards and rights-of way.

## » [8.9 New Sidewalk Program Overview](#)

City Council received an update on the City's sidewalk program for 2025. All new sidewalk projects will include:

- Sidewalks on both sides of the street
- Separated sidewalks with boulevard space between the sidewalk and curb
- Grassed boulevard spaces with street trees
- Sidewalks that meander around large trees or obstacles such as power poles
- Street lighting, signage and drainage improvements
- Curb letdowns at street corners

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## » 8.10 Intelligent Transportation Systems Strategic Plan

Council approved a pilot project to use smart technology to help optimize Burnaby's transportation network. The three programs included in the pilot are:

- Using sensors and communications networks for real time monitoring of curbside utilization in urban areas, providing data on when curb space is being used for different activities, such as parking, loading, ridesharing and pick-up/drop-off.
- Using smart streetlights to adjust brightness based on the presence of road users, saving energy and minimizing light pollution.
- Using Pan-Tilt-Zoom cameras to monitor the real time conditions of major roadways, allowing the City to have real-time updates for maintenance purposes (including snow removal) which will help reduce response times.

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