

CITY OF BURNABY COUNCIL IN BRIEF

December 2, 2024

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» [6.1 Universal Water Metering Strategy](#)

Burnaby City Council approved recommendations to continue the transition towards universal water metering across the City. Currently, all new commercial, multi-dwelling buildings and single- and two-family dwellings are required to install a water meter prior to occupancy. The new recommendations outline the next steps, including installing meters for homes that already have a water service connection that can fit a meter, and for homes with existing secondary suites. It is anticipated that these actions will take up to 3 years to complete. Installing universal water meters helps encourage water conservation and early leak detection, reducing wastage in the water system.

[Attachment 1 - FMC Report, Universal Water Metering, July 14, 2021](#)

[Attachment 2 - Residential Water Metering in MV, Best Practices Guide for Local Government, August 2019](#)

[Presentation - Universal Water Metering Strategy](#)

» [7.1 Adaptive Fitness Equipment in Recreation Facilities](#)

City Council directed staff to conduct a review of the adaptive fitness equipment in the City's recreation centres, including possible improvements and costs required, and report back to the Access Advisory Committee and Council.

» [7.4 Habitat Gardens](#)

City Council directed staff to explore the possibility of allowing habitat gardens in Burnaby. Habitat gardens contain native plants and natural features such as fallen leaves and dry stems that support insects and birds at all life stages.

[Attachment 1 - Correspondence from Roslyn Hart](#)

» [7.8 Bear Spray Use in the City of Burnaby](#)

City Council directed staff to investigate the feasibility and advisability of a bylaw to regulate the sale and use of bear spray in Burnaby and report back to Council.

[Attachment 1 - Bear Spray Use in the City of Burnaby](#)

» [8.1 2024 Living Wage Rate Update](#)

City Council received an update regarding the 2024 Living Wage rate. The City will adopt the increase, ensuring staff are paid an hourly rate of a minimum of \$27.05. The Living Wage is set annually by Living wage for Families BC which represents the amount that a family of four needs to earn to meet their living expenses including: food, clothing, rental housing, childcare, transportation and two weeks savings for each adult to cover illness or emergencies.

[Attachment 1 - Map of BC Living Wage Rates 2024](#)

[Attachment 2 - Job Positions below the Projected Living Wage Rate](#)

[Attachment 3 - Summary COV's Fair Wage Program](#)

» [8.8 Bus Speed and Reliability Program - Canada Way Corridor Study](#)

City Council received an update on the findings from a bus speed and reliability study conducted along Canada Way. The study recommends implementing Transit Signal Priority Measures along Canada Way at three intersections: Willingdon Avenue, Deer Lake Parkway and Burris Street.

[Attachment 1 - Canada Way Corridor Study Area Map](#)

[Attachment 2 - Bus Speed and Reliability Program - Canada Way Corridor Study Overview](#)

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