



Statement from Mayor Helps on Provincial Budget 2020

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VICTORIA, BC – The City of Victoria congratulates the Province of British Columbia on introducing Budget 2020.

“The provincial budget deserves a great deal of praise” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “Within a balanced budget the Province has been able to support many initiatives which align strongly with Victoria’s priorities.”

Budget 2020 makes significant investments in climate action, childcare, infrastructure, and skills training, including procurement and delivery of the first 10 battery electric buses for use by B.C. Transit in Greater Victoria and a new B.C. Access Grant, which helps post-secondary students cover tuition costs.

“I’d like to thank the province for their long-term planning,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “Our new Economic Action Plan, Victoria 3.0, relies on initiatives like the new B.C. Access Grant to ensure we have trained and skilled workers ready for the future. Investments in childcare are essential for a strong economy, as we’re learning through creating a Childcare Action Plan for Victoria. And predictable, steady investments in climate initiatives and infrastructure help build municipal resilience in the face of a climate crisis.”

Victoria 3.0: Pivoting to a Higher Value Economy, 2020-2041 comes to Council on March 19 for adoption, and the City’s Childcare Action Plan, supported by a B.C. Ministry of Child and Family Development Community Child Care Planning Program grant, comes on March 26.

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