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The District of North Vancouver REPORT TO COUNCIL

April 15, 2026

AUTHOR: Catherine Pope, Councillor

SUBJECT: Advocacy to the Province on the 2027 B.C. Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council confirm interest in presenting to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services as part of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia's Budget 2027 Consultation process;

AND THAT Council define the scope of the presentation to include:

- Improving funding for affordable housing;
- Allow North Shore residents to defer their utility bills;
- Fair distribution of North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant (NSWWTP) costs; and,
- Changes to the *Ports Property Tax Act* to ensure fairness and equity in tax distribution.

REASON FOR REPORT:

The Budget Transparency and Accountability Act (the "Act") requires a select standing committee of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia to hold a consultation on the next provincial budget every year. This consultation is carried out by the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, which includes MLAs from government and opposition parties.

The Committee will consider the priorities expressed through its consultation and develop recommendations for the next provincial budget. The recommendations are included in a report to the Legislative Assembly that is publicly available.

Consultation meetings will take place in June, either in-person before the committee or through written input.

SUMMARY:

This presents an opportunity for Council to advocate for the District of North Vancouver to key lawmakers in Provincial finance. Specifically, this report seeks Council's approval to

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participate in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia's Budget 2027 consultation process by requesting an opportunity to present to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. The report confirms key advocacy priorities for the District.

BACKGROUND:

The Act requires the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia to conduct annual pre-budget consultations through the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. This process provides local governments with an opportunity to present priorities and inform provincial budget decisions.

Additionally, as municipalities operate under the legislative framework established by the *Community Charter*, there is an opportunity to advocate for earlier municipal involvement in the development of provincial tax policy. Increased engagement prior to implementation would support more effective policy outcomes and better alignment with municipal impacts.

Options:

1. That Council approve the motion as submitted; OR,
2. Amend the motion to consider additional council representation or scope of presentation; OR,
3. THAT the motion is not supported.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Pope
Councillor

REVIEWED WITH:					
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☐ Bylaw Services	_____	☐ Fire Services	_____	☐ Library Board	_____
☐ Clerk's Office	_____	☐ GIS	_____	☐ Museum and Archives	_____
☐ Climate and Biodiversity	_____	☐ Human Resources	_____	☐ NSEM	_____
☐ Communications	_____	☐ Integrated Planning	_____	☐ NS Health	_____
☐ Community Planning	_____	☐ ITS	_____	☐ NVRC	_____
☐ Development Engineering	_____	☐ Parks	_____	☐ RCMP	_____
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