

Your input on Stronger Vancouver is needed.

The Vancouver City Council will discuss Stronger Vancouver “revenue options” for the second time publicly at a workshop October 28 (4-6pm @ City Hall), with the intent of making their funding and project decisions Monday, December 2. City Manager Eric Holmes has already provided a [primer memo](#) to jump-start the revenue conversation among council. Therefore, the next few weeks are a critical time for our industry voice to be heard. The only significant direction the council has been given is to set aside the business improvement area package (a 42¢/foot assessment in downtown to raise \$0.7M to pay for an assortment of activities) and to remove the fire sprinkler incentive program (a veiled attempt to require fire sprinklers in all new residential buildings).

Our obvious concerns are **the park impact fee increases**, the immediate and drastic **employee head tax increase** as well as the possibility of the city passing the “non-voted” revenue package before the levy lid lift vote.

Tax or Fee	Effect (Increase or New)
Automatic (non-voted)	
B & O	-.55 per 1,000 gross receipts
Head Tax	\$70 per FTE
Utility tax rate	2.50%
Park Impact Fee SFR	\$3,380
Park Impact Fee MFR	\$2,470
Vehicle License Tab	\$10
By Vote	
Property Tax (Levy Lid Lift)	\$.44 per \$1,000 assessed value

Find out the direct impact to your business [here](#) (does not include impact fees)

[Executive Sponsors Council Recommendations](#) (2 page)

[Executive Sponsors Council Report](#) (complete)

We need to send letters directly to the council ASAP. We will need letters to the editor as well. I would also encourage you or a representative to attend the meeting on the 7th.

[Letter E-mail Address List](#)

Please contact me, at your earliest convenience, to discuss.

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