# Planning & Community Services Staffing Requests



\$1B Transportation Assets \$30m Annual Capital Program Service Requests/Public Inquiries Transportation Plan Policy Development DCC Bylaw Administration of Traffic Bylaw Special Event Permits/Road Usage Permits Council Requests & Support **BC** Transit Operations Support on Development Application Relationship with Ministry of Transportation Electric Bike/Scooter Program

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Manager

Transportation Planner

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Network/Master Plan/Policy

Transportation Planner

Concept Design/Capital Project Delivery

Transportation Tech

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Permitting, Inquiries, Minor Construction Projects

Admin (0.5 FTE)

Planning & Community Services
Transportation Department

# **Key Events**

- 18 month Temporary Transportation Tech Position ended in November 2024
  - Introduced/Overhauled Road Usage Permit Program revenue source \$42k/year
  - Resolved and implemented over 200 community suggestions and improvements
- Both long-term Transportation Techs departed in November recruitment has been successful, but resulted in less experienced staff
- 2025 Budget:
  - \$100k reduction to Transportation Cost Centre (13% of department budget)
  - Requested Transportation positions denied proposed funding primarily existing budgets and/or BC Transit revenue
- Manager recently announced upcoming maternity leave May 2025
  - The only experience transportation staff member to take Acting Role that will result in a challenging short-term contract backfill
- Development of Transportation Plan occupies 1.5 FTE (0.5 FTE manager, 1 FTE transportation planner)



## **Risks**

- 1. Lack of organizational history and experience that impacts effective decision-making.
- 2. New hires on learning curves, training, corporate orientation = less efficiency
- 3. Need to better scope, define and prioritize Capital Projects.
- 4. Expectations of a new Transportation Plan and new Transportation Asset Management Plan without effective resources to implement.
- 5. High profile and high expectations of service to both Council and residents of the community.
- 6. Without requested positions, level of service and programs will need to be reduced to match existing capacity.



### Recommendations

- 1. THAT Council approve the addition of a 0.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Transportation Administrative Assistant position under Transit Cost Center CC12600 funded from the Transit Expansion Reserve for 2025 (\$32,225) and include the position in the 2026-2030 Financial Plan supported by on-going administration revenues (\$48,337);
- 2. THAT Council approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE Transportation Planner under Transportation Cost Centre CC14700 funded from the Transit Reserve in 2025 (\$91,170) and include in the 2026-2030 Financial Plan as funded by taxation (\$136,755).