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Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Enhancing Public Safety Through Real-Time Access to the City's Traffic Camera Network

On behalf of the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (Downtown Van), I am writing to express our strong support for the motion submitted by Councillors Brian Montague and Peter Meiszner regarding real-time access to the City of Vancouver's traffic camera network for the Vancouver Police Department (VPD). The motion, which proposes enhanced access to these cameras to aid police efforts in responding to incidents and emergencies, aligns with Downtown Van's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all residents, visitors, and businesses in the central business district and throughout our city.

Safety is a cornerstone of our community, and as an association representing over 8,000 businesses in the downtown core, we have consistently advocated for strategies that improve public safety and enhance the VPD's capacity to respond to critical incidents. Integrating modern technology would be a timely and invaluable tool in advancing these objectives. Granting the VPD real-time access to traffic cameras provides them with the situational awareness needed to more swiftly and effectively deploy resources, investigate and prevent crimes, and respond to emergencies.

We also support this motion's emphasis on balancing law enforcement needs with the protection of individual privacy. Establishing clear guidelines and a formal agreement between the City and VPD to govern the use and storage of camera footage is essential for maintaining public trust. Ensuring transparency and accountability in how this technology is used will safeguard the rights of all Vancouver residents while enabling critical safety measures.

Downtown Van believes that providing the VPD with real-time access to the City's traffic camera network, along with thoughtful privacy guidelines, will significantly enhance public safety. We encourage Council to support this motion and move forward with the necessary assessments to ensure a positive implementation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to continuing to work together to promote a safer, more secure Vancouver.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Talbot". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jane Talbot
President & CEO
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