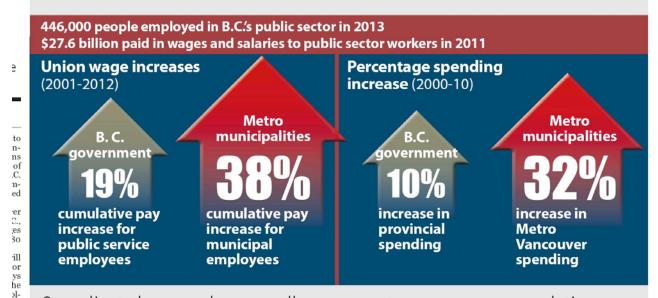
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Municipal employee wages grow faster than province's: report



Co-ordinated approach across all governments among recommendations

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Salaries for municipal employees rose by 38 per cent between 2001 and 2012, far outstripping inflation and doubling raises earned by pro-vincial public sector counterparts during the same period,

according to a report leaked Monday.

The report by Ernst & Young outlined what it describes as unlimited and unregulated wage policies within municipalities that led to the 38-percent hike. Those increases are during a time when core employment strategy.

Taxpayers Federation, is a on the autonomy of local review of public sector compensation and suggests the "I am shocked at their sugprovince should give its new local government auditor gen-

eral powers to review and rein

in wages.

Rhona Martin, president of the Union of B.C. Municipalities, lashed out against came during a time when core government and public sector salaries rose by 19 and 24 per cent respectively, according to salaries and leaked by the Canadian represented "a direct assault" of the Union of B.C. Municispalities, lashed out against the report Monday, saying it represented "a direct assault" CONTINUED ON A8

gestion there should be a centralized bargaining unit across the province. That's what hap-pened with the teachers, and look how that's turned out,"

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