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## MOTION ON NOTICE

At the Regular Council meeting of March 1, 2011, Councillor Woodsworth submitted the following Motion which was recognized by the Chair. Councillor Meggs called Notice under Section 10.3(d) of the Procedure By-law.

*Note: the motion below reflects an amendment from the original motion which was submitted on March 1, 2011.*

### 1. Ensuring Women's Safety in Vancouver's Housing Shelters

MOVER: Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

SECONDER: Councillor

#### WHEREAS

1. There are many homeless women in the City of Vancouver;
2. Many of these women seek shelter on couches or spend nights with strangers and are therefore not listed in the statistics of the homeless;
3. At least four sexual assaults on women have been reported at just one of the emergency shelters over the past year;
4. 24-hour emergency homeless shelters currently do not provide full security for women in separate facilities;
5. The Walk4Justice aboriginal women's group and other groups have been raising these issues and have called upon the City of Vancouver to provide a 24-hour women's only shelter.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council make its highest priority the creation of 24-hour women's only shelters to provide safe and secure emergency housing options for vulnerable women.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to ensure optional separation between women and men in all of Vancouver's existing housing shelters and ensure safety and security for all its users.

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