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MOTION ON NOTICE

4. Elimination of Medical Services Plan Premiums for Seniors

MOVER: Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS

1. British Columbia is the only province in Canada where seniors must pay Medical Services Plan (MSP) premiums;
2. Many seniors in British Columbia are struggling to pay their bills for daily needs;
3. Some seniors are paying hundreds of dollars in MSP premiums; and
4. Many retirees of the Municipal Pension Plan are former employees of local and regional governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver call on the Province of British Columbia to eliminate the MSP premiums for medical insurance in the province of British Columbia to conform with the situation for seniors in all other provinces;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver call on the Province of British Columbia that, upon the elimination of MSP premiums, they contribute the present percentage of employers' contributions previously used for MSP premiums to assist in the payment of Group Health Benefits;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for their endorsement.

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