

MOTION

3. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Hotels

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on July 12, 2011, referred the following matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on July 14, 2011, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by: Councillor Tim Stevenson

SECONDED by: Councillor Kerry Jang

WHEREAS

1. In March 2009, staff proceeded with a pilot project on one of the worst SRO offenders by testing an injunction option;
2. In June 2011, Council passed the first ever court injunction against the Wonder Rooms and Palace Hotel;
3. The conditions in many SRO hotels are unhealthy and unsafe;
4. Many SRO hotels have life threatening conditions;
5. These conditions can be remedied by legal, licensed renovations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to initiate a SRO Task Force working with the community of the Downtown Eastside and other partners focused on tenants and landlords to ensure an integrated enforcement approach to improve the living standards of all residents of all SRO hotels.

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