

MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Improving Transparency and Public Access to Council Voting Records

MOVER: Councillor Carr

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to policies that encourage transparency of City Hall, citizen engagement and greater voter participation, and has undertaken a \$30 million digital strategy that includes expanding the Open Data program in order to promote and increase digital engagement and public access to information;
2. Voting records for City Council are not currently summarized in complete detail or in a form that is easily accessible to the public;
3. The transparency and accountability of elected officials is a pillar of democracy and, in this regard, the voting records of individual elected officials provide valuable information for the public;
4. At present section 12.6 (b) of the Procedure By-law prescribes that the City Clerk only record in meeting minutes the names of Council members who vote in opposition to a motion;
5. The City of Vancouver does not currently compile and publish a cumulative summary of Council voting records in any format, whether on paper or digital.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to more fully record votes in the minutes of Regular Council meetings, Standing Committee meetings and Public Hearings, specifying which members voted in favour, voted in opposition, or were recused, on leave, or absent/out of chamber;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to compile this full voting record of Council in a tabulated file (spreadsheet format) for each calendar year, updating it no later than two weeks after each Council meeting, and making the updated file promptly available for access on the Open Data portal (data.vancouver.ca) and on the City's web page for Council meetings.

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