

## MOTION

### 6. Relocation of St. Paul's Hospital

At the Regular Council meeting on April 28, 2015, Vancouver City Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on April 29, 2015, to hear from speakers.

#### WHEREAS

1. The Province of BC and Providence Health Care have announced they plan to build a new hospital and health care campus on the False Creek Flats;
2. The investment includes a commitment to increasing mental health and addiction services, which is urgently needed in the City of Vancouver;
3. The current St. Paul's Hospital provides crucial services including emergency response, HIV/AIDS treatment, and support for mental health and addictions;
4. The West End has a large population, including seniors, who require specialized health care;
5. A new Community Plan for the West End was completed in 2013, and a new Community Plan for the Downtown Eastside was completed in 2014, both of which outline appropriate zoning and building forms in these neighbourhoods;
6. The City's West End Community Plan does not contemplate the closure of St. Paul's Hospital on Burrard Street as the Province had previously committed to its continued operation;
7. The Province has not stated what they intend to do with the current St. Paul's site on Burrard Street;
8. The Province has committed to consulting the West End community about the creation of a primary health care clinic in the neighbourhood.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of the City, write to the Minister of Health and the CEO of Providence Health Care to:
  - 1) express concern regarding any potential reduction in primary care in the Downtown core, as the West End has a high population of residents with chronic health conditions, and the need for local resources in an emergency (such as an earthquake);

- 2) call for a robust public consultation both on the future of the St. Paul's site, as well as the health care services required by the community.
- B. THAT Council support the creation of a new hospital and health care campus on the False Creek Flats, one that significantly increases current treatment resources for people with mental health and addictions challenges in Vancouver.

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