MOTION ON NOTICE

7. Vancouver Engagement in TransLink Fare Review

MOVER: Councillor Meggs

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

- 1. TransLink has embarked on the first comprehensive review of its fare structure since its founding 30 years ago;
- 2. The City of Vancouver expects transit to shoulder the major share of future increases in trips to and from the city as well as within its boundaries;
- 3. Vancouver residents account for large share of Metro Vancouver's ridership, resulting in a major city contribution to TransLink revenue at the farebox, through parking sales tax, the TransLink property tax, gas tax and through acquisition of strategic properties required for rapid transit investment;
- 4. Recent transit fare increases have tended to exceed the rate of inflation, reducing the affordability of transit and undermining efforts to create transit-oriented density to allow people to live closer to work;
- 5. A significant share of the city economy in tourism, accommodation, food services, health services and many other sectors relies on quick, efficient, cost-competitive transit to allow workers to commute;
- 6. The fare review will deal with fundamental issues, including distance-based fares, access for people with disabilities, access for people who are homeless and struggling with low incomes, and other issues of access and fairness.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to prepare a plan for full participation in the TransLink fare review, including support for research into the particular concerns of the homeless, low income residents and workers in key sectors and report back to Council by September.

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