

Submitted by Councillor Woodsworth for the Regular Council meeting on May 10, 2005.

Resolution Re Electronic Property Reporting Legislation

MOVER: Councillor Woodsworth

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS property crime has become a major contributor to the overall crime rate in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS Property Crime and the Illegal Drug Trade are closely linked; and

WHEREAS a tremendous amount of police resources have to be dedicated to both the property crime issue and the illegal drug trade; and

WHEREAS citizens of British Columbia are increasingly negatively impacted by both property crime and the illegal drug trade; and

WHEREAS the problem of theft and robbery cost the Canadian economy several billion dollars a year; and

WHEREAS electronic second-hand property reporting technology exists today and is presently in use in several jurisdictions across Canada, and has had a positive impact on the problem of property crime by assisting police in identifying active criminals and in returning property to victims;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver urge the Provincial Government to adopt legislation making it mandatory to report second-hand property transactions to police, using the Xtract electronic property reporting technology that exists today.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the motion be sent to the UBCM Convention for ratification.

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