

MOTION ON NOTICE

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Ladner for the Regular Council meeting of October 4, 2005.

1. Surtax on Imported Bicycles

MOVER: Councillor Ladner

SECONDER:

THAT WHEREAS:

1. the Canadian International Trade Tribunal is recommending that the Canadian government impose a 30% surtax on imported bicycles with a wheel size of 15" or greater with a F.O.B. factory price of \$225 or less, to protect jobs for two bicycle assembly companies in Quebec;
2. And whereas this surtax is on top of existing tariffs of 8.5-13% on all imported bicycles, as well as anti-dumping duties;
3. And whereas this surtax is strongly opposed by all but two Canadian cycle manufacturers and by nearly 1,000 independent specialty retail bicycle stores across Canada;
4. And whereas these dealers estimate that this tax would add an estimated \$50 to the price of the lowest-cost mass market bicycles, making a first bicycle purchase prohibitively expensive for many children and families;
5. And whereas cycling is
 - a transportation priority for the City of Vancouver,
 - a key factor in reducing youth obesity,
 - essential for Vancouver meeting its Kyoto GHG targets and
 - a vital element of a healthy city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver City Council send a letter to the Federal Ministers of Environment, Health, International Trade, Sport, Finance, Transport, Infrastructure, Public Health and Families strongly urging them not to impose this tax.

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