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MOTION ON NOTICE

At the Regular Council meeting on April 18, 2006, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Ladner. Councillor Stevenson called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of April 20, 2006.

1. Parking Site Area Tax (VanRIMS No.: 05-4200-17)

MOVER: Councillor Ladner

SECONDER: Councillor Anton

WHEREAS:

1. the parking site area tax is an additional burden on businesses and non-profit organizations already facing substantial property tax increases to support Translink;
2. the implementation of the parking site tax has resulted in unexpected inequities and high costs of administration;
3. further increases in fares, property taxes or ad valorem taxes on existing paid parking are not acceptable;
4. Translink has already found efficiencies sufficient to absorb a \$20 million increase in fuel costs without finding additional revenues;
5. Translink is in need of immediate, sustainable funding to carry out its 3-year and 10-year plans to deal with the region's pressing transportation needs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Vancouver opposes the parking area tax and recommends that the GVTA work with the Park the Tax coalition and other stakeholders to find a new source of sustainable outside funding, such as a one-cent-a-litre increase in the fuel tax, and commit to replacing the parking area tax as soon as that new funding is found.

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