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MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Welfare Rates

The following motion was submitted by Councillor Capri at the Regular Council meeting on May 2, 2006. Councillor Louie called notice under section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

WHEREAS:

1. the number of people in Greater Vancouver considered at risk of homelessness is 125,000;
2. the number of people who are homeless has doubled in the Lower Mainland and increased throughout the province in the past two years;
3. the welfare rates of \$510 per month for single adults have not been increased since 1991, and rates for families have not kept up with the rate of inflation;
4. the City of Vancouver's Homeless Action Plan calls for an increase in the welfare rates as part of the solution to end homelessness;
5. the only housing available for \$325 per month is in rooming houses/residential hotels; and
6. it is difficult for landlords relying on rents at current welfare rates to adequately maintain their buildings, including SRO hotels.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council requests that the Mayor be asked to discuss the issue of welfare rates, at his upcoming meetings with the Premier and Cabinet Ministers and work with them towards addressing this problem.

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