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NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Harm Reduction (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-01)

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS:

1. Mayor Sam Sullivan has indicated he is working on proposals to introduce a widespread prescription heroin maintenance program in Vancouver as a solution to the twin problems of poverty and addiction; and
2. the NAOMI trials intended to test this approach in Vancouver are still in the early stages; and
3. Insite, the supervised injection site opened as part of the City's Four Pillars Strategy, is operating under a federal legal exemption which expires in September; and
4. full public engagement and consultation has been crucial to the success of the Four Pillars Strategy, which is the foundation of the City's policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council ask Mayor Sullivan to submit a written outline of his heroin maintenance proposal to city staff for evaluation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this evaluation be included in a full assessment of progress on all aspects of the Four Pillars Strategy by June 30, 2006 to ensure Council has the time to take any necessary actions before expiry of the Insite legal exemption.

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