



MEMORANDUM

October 24, 2006

TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Diane Clairmont, Meeting Coordinator
SUBJECT: Moratorium on SRA Conversions

On October 19, 2006, Vancouver City Council at its meeting following Standing Committee on Planning and Environment, having heard all speakers, referred discussion and decision on the motion *Moratorium on SRA Conversions*, to the future meeting of Council which will include the staff report on Single Room Accommodations.

Accordingly, the following will be considered on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at the Council meeting immediately following Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council:

WHEREAS:

1. the number of homeless in Vancouver's streets is steadily climbing.
2. conversions of single room accommodation units is increasing despite the SRA bylaw.
3. these conversions within a few blocks of the Olympic village may constitute a violation of the City of Vancouver's commitments to the IOC under the Inclusivity Intent Statement with our bid to host the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Winter Paralympic Games.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT Council impose a moratorium on any conversions or demolitions of SRA accommodation with the exception of conversions or demolitions that result in the development of social housing, shelters or SRAs, pending a report from staff on the threat to this crucial housing.
2. THAT Council direct staff to recommend measures necessary to strengthen the SRA bylaw, including increasing the conversion fee.
3. THAT Council, through the Mayor, call on both senior levels of government to commit to restore funding for affordable housing to confront the crisis.

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