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MOTION ON NOTICE

At the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on February 1, 2007, Vancouver City Council postponed this item to a future Council meeting, due to time constraints.

1. Mayor Sam Sullivan's Drug Plan (VanRIMS No.: 08-9000-30)

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Councillor Tim Stevenson

WHEREAS Mayor Sullivan has announced a new plan to provide substitute drugs to addicts;

AND WHEREAS Vision Vancouver believes there is some merit to the Mayor's plan;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor's plan lacks details and background information that would help it gain wider approval;

AND WHEREAS drug addiction is a concern to all citizens of Vancouver;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct the City of Vancouver Drug Policy Coordinator to prepare a report for council that includes:

1. An update on the NAOMI project and the challenges that the project has faced including the attraction of sufficient number of participants.
2. Examples of other similar substitute drug treatment programs around the world including their benefits and challenges.
3. An estimate of the cost of such a substitute drug treatment program for at least 700 participants, including a facility, staff, utilities etc.
4. A research component program and associated costs.
5. Relevant legislative changes necessary to allow such a program to operate.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a public consultation process be undertaken to allow opportunity for the public and all interested parties to provide input into the program thus giving the program greater support.

Postponed

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