

MOTION

1. Budget Consultation Review (VanRIMS No.: 05-1000-01)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver's initial 2007 Budget Consultation has been deemed inadequate by many citizens for being a hurried and poorly advertised process.
2. In a time of increasing financial costs due to the Olympics and other expenditures, it is imperative that the citizens of Vancouver have an adequate opportunity to understand and speak to the current and future budgets.
3. An open, accessible, and accountable budget consultation process is an integral part of fostering citizen participation and pride in our city.
4. The Mayor in his State of the City Address stated that he wanted to make Vancouver the most accountable and accessible city in Canada.
5. The most important use of public consultation within the City of Vancouver is the annual gathering of citizen input on the budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. the city work with all parties, including citizens, community groups, businesses, civic unions, and municipal experts to revise the public consultation process for the 2008 operating budget;
2. the focus for revision be examples of best practices, regarding budget consultation from leading cities around the world;
3. staff provide a report by August of 2007 recommending the ways in which the city can improve the budget consultation process.

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