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2. Municipal By-Law Fine Collection (VanRIMS No. 08-4200-01)

At the Regular Council meeting on February 28, 2007, Councillor Capri submitted the following Motion. Councillor Louie called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

WHEREAS the City loses a significant amount of revenue annually because of unpaid by-law fines;

AND WHEREAS the unpaid fines relating to By-law Violation Notices issued by the Vancouver Police Department since 2003 is in excess of \$860,000;

AND WHEREAS there is a significant problem with disorderly conduct in the Entertainment District and in response to this problem the Vancouver Police Department issued approximately 600 By-law Violation Notices for disorderly conduct related offences which were referred to the City Prosecutor in 2006, most of which arose out of incidents occurring in the Entertainment District;

AND WHEREAS it is critical that a meaningful consequence be attached to the by-law enforcement process generally and specifically in order to deter conduct which detracts from the public's right to enjoy a safe and orderly Entertainment District;

AND WHEREAS the goal of the City is voluntary compliance with City by-laws;

AND WHEREAS voluntary compliance with City by-laws increases with the collection of by-law fines;

AND WHEREAS the only method currently available to the City for the collection of by-law fines is a slow, expensive, labour-intensive process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council, through the Mayor, urge the Province and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia to approve the collection of by-law fines in the same manner as fines imposed by Violation Tickets under Provincial statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration and endorsement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration and endorsement.

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