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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. The motion was to be considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on March 1, 2007. Due to time constraints, Council agreed to postpone consideration of the motion to the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting, later that day.

Subsequently, due to time constraints, Council agreed to postpone consideration of the motion to the Regular Council meeting on March 13, 2007.

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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