

MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Increase - British Columbia Minimum Wage (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-20)

MOVED BY: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDED BY: Councillor Tim Stevenson

WHEREAS the minimum wage in British Columbia has not been adjusted in over five years, the second longest period in 40 years that it has not been adjusted;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia has the second highest rate in Canada of employees working for minimum wage or less;

AND WHEREAS according to the 2001 census, the Vancouver before-tax low income rate was 37.2% for recent immigrants, 40.9% for Aboriginal peoples and 43.8% for single parent families;

AND WHEREAS the government of Ontario has recently announced that it will raise the minimum wage to \$10.15/hour by 2010;

AND WHEREAS fulltime employment at the current British Columbia minimum wage would leave individuals below the "poverty line" as established by the Government of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver's definition of Social Sustainability states, "For a community to function and be sustainable, the basic needs of its residents must be met. A socially sustainable community must have the ability to maintain and build on its own resources and have the resiliency to prevent and/or address problems in the future."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- The City of Vancouver call upon the Provincial Government to increase the minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour; and
- Copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia member municipalities.

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