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MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Make School Seismic Safety in Vancouver a Priority (VanRIMS No. 06-2000-01)

At the Regular Council meeting on May 1, 2007, Councillor Louie submitted the following motion, which was recognized by the Chair, for consideration at the Regular Council meeting on May 15, 2007.

MOVER: Councillor Louie

SECONDER: Councillor Chow

WHEREAS in October 2004 a provincial assessment found that 311 schools in BC are "at high risk of sustaining severe damage to structural elements in the event of a moderate to strong earthquake;" and

WHEREAS in November 2004, Premier Campbell made a \$1.5 billion, 15-year commitment to seeing all BC schools meet seismic life safety standards by 2019; and

WHEREAS last year no additional Vancouver schools were approved for seismic upgrading; and

WHEREAS in spring 2005, the government committed to fast-tracking 80 BC schools to be seismically completed within three years; and

WHEREAS as of April 2007, work has been completed on only four of the 80 schools set aside for fast-tracked upgrades;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council

1. request the Mayor send a letter of concern on this issue to the provincial government; and
2. request information from the VSB about the state of Vancouver schools needing seismic upgrading, along with their plans to have all Vancouver schools seismically upgraded within 15 years.

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