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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 2. Labelling Genetically Modified Foods (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-20)

MOVER: Councillor Deal

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS in a poll commissioned in November 2006, 79% of BC citizens were in favor of mandatory labeling;

WHEREAS in 2006 the BC provincial health officer recommended mandatory labeling of genetically modified foods;

WHEREAS up to 70% of all processed foods on grocery store shelves in Canada contain genetically engineered ingredients;

WHEREAS there is significant disagreement among scientific experts about the safety of GE foods;

WHEREAS more than 35 countries - containing over half the world's population - have laws requiring the labeling of food containing GE ingredients;

AND WHEREAS for consumers to make healthy, informed choices they need full disclosure of relevant information;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The City of Vancouver call on the province to provide mandatory labeling of all genetically modified ingredients in foods; and
2. Copies of this resolution be forwarded to members of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

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