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MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Paralympic Torch Relay (VanRIMS No. 08-8000-20)

MOVED by Councillor B.C. Lee
SECONDED by Mayor Sam Sullivan

WHEREAS:

1. The Beijing Organizing Committee of Olympic Games (BOCOG) is planning to hold an unprecedented 2008 Paralympic Games Torch Relay which will be carried out both in China and abroad; and
2. Vancouver is the host city of the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2010, and that Vancouver is the first Olympic Host City in Olympic history to display both the Olympic and Paralympic flags side by side; and
3. The Province of British Columbia in partnership with 2010 Legacies Now announced a new \$1.1 million Accessible Tourism Initiative; and
4. People with disabilities spend an estimated \$13 billion per year in North America on travel; and
5. Vancouver is credited as, and continues to strive to be the most accessible city in the world, and
6. Mayor Sam Sullivan has proclaimed to continue to make Vancouver the most inclusive and accessible city in Canada, and
7. Being one of the host cities of the 2008 Paralympic Games Torch Relay will raise worldwide awareness of our effort and accomplishment in accessibility as well as our hosting of the 2010 Olympic and Winter Paralympic Games,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council direct staff to actively express our interest in being considered as a candidate to host the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games Torch Relay in Vancouver and engage in discussion with BOCOG to determine the responsibility for organizing and the resources required for Vancouver to host the torch relay while it is in Vancouver and report back to Council for approval,

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council direct staff to engage related partners including the Federal and Provincial Governments, Canadian Paralympic Committee, VANOC, the Resort Municipality of Whistler and the Four Host First Nations to work in partnership with the City on this proposal.

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