

MOTION ON NOTICE

At the Regular Council meeting held July 26, 2007 Councillor Louie gave notice of the following motion. In accordance with Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law, the Motion was placed on the Agenda for the next Regular Council meeting to be held on July 27, 2007, immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting.

1. Support for Businesses Affected By the Construction of the Canada Line

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Councillor George Chow

WHEREAS the approval of the Canada Line was driven primarily by the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS the construction schedule has not proceeded as initially described and far longer than any major road, sewer or water reconstruction; and

WHEREAS businesses adjacent to the Canada Line construction have been severely impacted; and

WHEREAS many businesses have closed as a result of these impacts; and

WHEREAS the Finance Minister Carole Taylor has publicly stated that the construction of the rapid transit line has hurt businesses more deeply than she expected; and

WHEREAS the Finance Minister has doubts that the 3 million dollars for the business marketing program has been effective; and

WHEREAS Seattle with Federal support has created a 50 million fund to help businesses affected by the construction of the 22 km Sound Transit Light Rapid Transit Project.

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 that the Provincial Government create a support program for affected businesses.

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