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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 2. Presentations on Municipal Governance (VanRIMS No. 01-5000-12)

MOVER: Councillor B.C. Lee

SECONDER: Councillor

#### WHEREAS:

- The development of citizen awareness of their history, governing structure and current planning is a key element in the development of a sense of belonging and identity with the City; and
- Vancouver has a rich tradition as an inclusive city that involves citizens' participation in civic issues and municipal development; and
- City Hall should play a significant and active role in civic education programs for students as well as newcomers, so that a healthy and trustful relationship between citizens and civic government be developed; and
- Every citizen of Vancouver will be a host to the world in the 2010 Olympics and the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vancouver in 2011;

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council direct staff to determine the feasibility of developing a new program for citizens and school delegations to access City Hall through guided tours and presentations on municipal governance highlighting historical milestones and report back to Council with budget and source of funding for consideration in the 2008 operational budget;
2. To reduce or eliminate costs to the City, Council direct staff to consider ways to encourage the development of such a program in partnership with other agencies, such as the Vancouver School Board, colleges or universities, Continuing Education programs, 2010 LegaciesNow, etc.;
3. Council direct staff to coordinate with former city staff that are in retirement to volunteer as ambassadors for this program.

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