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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 2. Support Street Cleaning in the Downtown Eastside (VanRIMS No. 08-9000-30)

MOVER: Councillor Kim Capri

SECONDER: Councillor B.C. Lee

#### WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver City Council endorsed Project Civil City on December 12, 2006;
2. The goals of Project Civil City focus on addressing the issues of street disorder using compassionate solutions and, where necessary, enforcement;
3. Vancouver Council remains committed to working in cooperation with Federal and Provincial governments to address the root causes of disorder, such as homelessness, drug addiction and poverty;
4. Waste Management and maintaining clean streets falls within the jurisdiction of local government;
5. In August 2006, the Clean Streets Task Force implemented a comprehensive pilot project, a Partnership with the Vancouver Police Department, The City of Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Branch and United We Can;
6. The geographic area was chosen because it was identified as one of the most challenging sections of Vancouver to maintain and the partners supported the belief that if this area could be successfully maintained, the experience could be applied to most challenging areas in the City;
7. The results of the four week pilot were reported to Council on November 29, 2006 and the report noted that the project met all of its stated objectives and was considered a success;
8. In addition, upon completion of the four week pilot:
  - The majority of commercial containers had been locked, were properly labelled and were free of graffiti.
  - The majority of private property was free of graffiti.
  - Litter and other discarded items had been removed from overhead telephone lines and hydro wires.
  - Residents and businesses in the DTES commented on the level of cleanliness in the lanes and sightlines for VPD were increased as a result properly managed commercial waste containers and the removal of abandoned garbage piles.
9. During the pilot, the businesses responsible for maintaining the dumpsters had either removed or applied for and been granted permits for their dumpsters, and were properly labeling and maintaining them.
10. The four week pilot, admittedly, was too short to statistically determine whether the positive changes experienced were correlations or causal.
11. According to the November 29, 2006 staff report, to operationalize the pilot would require up to an estimated \$200,000 per year to be maintained on an annual basis; and
12. The original pilot was supported by the Vancouver Police Department, Engineering Services and United We Can.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. City staff be directed to use the City's downtown eastside street cleaning pilot, conducted in 2006, as the basis for supporting a 1 year Project Civil City initiative to provide enhanced street cleaning for a core of the downtown eastside.
2. City staff be directed to allocate up to \$200,000 toward this program and that Council defer the funding decision to the 2008 budget deliberations.
3. Staff establishes a measurable baseline at the time the work commences and measurable outcome criteria, which support the goals of Project Civil City, to determine whether the efforts are meeting success. Criteria and measurements may include data such as number of police incidents in the served area, incidents of graffiti, damaged and over-flowing dumpsters etc.
4. Upon the approval of funding and launch of this Project Civil City initiative, businesses in the served area be advised that they have a 60 day countdown toward implementing immediate solutions and strategies to ensure that they comply with existing by-laws, regarding the maintenance of commercial dumpsters and that failure to comply will result in progressive enforcement.
5. Staff exercise discretion with regards to expanding/altering the area served, based on outcomes and need.
6. Staff report back within six months of the launch to advise Council of interim results.

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