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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 1. MEETINGS OF TRANSLINK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOVER: Councillor Cadman

SECONDER: Councillor

#### WHEREAS:

1. TransLink was created in 1999 out of recognition that local government in Greater Vancouver needed to be more directly involved in the management of its transportation system;
2. the entity that was created was accountable to the region's residents through its Board of elected officials, and through its statutory obligations to plan a regional transportation system, and it held regularly scheduled meetings open to the public;
3. the new TransLink governance structure has an appointed Board of Directors who are empowered to plan, build, finance and operate an integrated transportation system in Metro Vancouver, with the possibility of expanding services over a much larger geographic area;
4. decisions made by TransLink include setting transit fares and service levels, collecting a portion of local property taxes and gasoline taxes;
5. transportation policy decisions made by TransLink will significantly impact public policy beyond just transportation;
6. decisions made by TransLink will significantly impact the residents of Vancouver and the Metro region;
7. TransLink's Board oversees an annual budget of nearly \$1 billion, and will be instrumental in funding and implementing the province's just announced \$14 billion transportation vision that includes a new Broadway rapid transit line;
8. the new TransLink Board Chair has stated that Board meetings will no longer be open to the public or the media;

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver contact the TransLink Board of Directors and request that TransLink board meetings continue to be held in public, in accordance with long-established practise.

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