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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 3. Public Transit Fares

MOVER: Councillor Cadman

SECONDER: Councillor

#### WHEREAS:

1. In 2007 one in four Vancouver commuters regularly travelled to work, school and other destinations using the public transit system;
2. efficient and affordable public transit is an important factor in reducing traffic congestion, local air pollution and regional greenhouse gas emissions;
3. TransLink increased transit fares on January 01, 2008;
4. this is the fourth fare increase since TransLink was created in 1999, when basic one-zone fares were \$1.50, which amounts to a 65 percent increase over this period, far exceeding the rate of inflation;
5. current transit fares in Metro Vancouver are the most expensive of any major Canadian city;
6. it has been clearly demonstrated that higher fares discourage public transit use;
7. many public transit users include those on low incomes, students and minimum wage workers for whom high fares may constitute a significant hardship; and
8. many transit riders are asking TransLink to roll fares back to 2007 levels.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver contact the TransLink Board of Directors and request that the Board repeal the 2008 fare increases and reset fares to 2007 levels;

#### AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT TransLink implement an open and transparent review process to determine future fare rates;

#### AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT TransLink implement a student U-pass system for all Metro Vancouver post secondary students similar to that currently in place for students at UBC and SFU.

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