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MOTION ON NOTICE

4. Access to Transit U-Pass

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Councillor George Chow

WHEREAS the Students' Unions of Vancouver Community College (VCC) have been negotiating with Translink for a U-Pass since 1994;

WHEREAS the Emily Carr Students' Union has been negotiating with Translink for a U-Pass since 2001;

WHEREAS the Students' Unions of Vancouver Community College and Emily Carr have been requesting a meeting with TransLink since March of 2007 to discuss the U-Pass program, and TransLink has yet to meet with them;

WHEREAS the Presidents of VCC and Emily Carr have sent letters of support for a fair priced U-Pass at their institutions as well as requested a meeting with Translink and have declined to receive a response;

WHEREAS VCC has a student population of approximately 9000, with 60% of whom use transit, and Emily Carr has a student population of 1,700, 70% of whom use transit;

WHEREAS VCC's student population has a high proportion of students who are low-income, work full time, are single parents, or First Nations;

WHEREAS UBC students pay \$22/month, SFU students pay \$26.10/month, while VCC and Emily Carr students are forced to pay more than three times that amount for monthly access for transit;

AND WHEREAS TransLink recorded a surplus of \$386.1 million for 2007;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Vancouver contact the TransLink Board of Directors to request that:

- A. TransLink meet with Student Union representatives from VCC and Emily Carr before May 1st to discuss a timeline of implementation for the U-Pass program at their institutions; and
- B. This U-pass be fairly priced, and comparable to the cost of U-Passes at other Metro Vancouver post-secondary institutions, if at all possible.

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