

MOTION ON NOTICE

3. MARCH - COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES AWARENESS MONTH

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Councillor Heather Deal

WHEREAS community social services are vital to the quality of life for the citizens of Vancouver; and

WHEREAS community social services in Vancouver include services to families and children; people with disabilities; people and families dealing with substance abuse; people in community justice services, including correction services and victim assistance programs; women and their families in transition houses or sexual assault centres; aboriginal peoples; individuals involved in community projects and employment training programs; as well as child care, multicultural, settlement and immigrant services; and more; and

WHEREAS the availability of these supportive services helps improve the quality of life for everyone, while making our communities stronger and more stable; and

WHEREAS greater recognition and understanding of the critical role these services play in our communities helps to ensure their continued availability and improvement; and

WHEREAS awareness and support for these services begins at the local level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council proclaim March 2008 as Community Social Services Awareness Month.

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