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## MOTION ON NOTICE

At the Regular Council meeting on March 11, 2008, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Deal. Councillor Capri called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of March 13, 2008.

### 1. Increase Healthy Food Options in Vancouver

MOVER: Councillor Heather Deal

SECONDER: Councillor Raymond Louie

WHEREAS the current selection of food sold through street vendors does not reflect the wide variety of cultures and tastes in Vancouver, nor does it provide a range of healthy, nutritional options (as defined by Canada's Food Guide);

WHEREAS a wider selection of food sold through Street Vendors could allow for expanding the use of locally grown food, creating local economic benefits and increasing our food security;

WHEREAS one in four children in Canada are overweight;

WHEREAS there are direct links between poverty and obesity;

WHEREAS every person in Vancouver should have access to affordable, nutritional food in their neighbourhood;

WHEREAS there are low-income neighbourhoods that are underserved by food options that are both affordable and nutritional;

WHEREAS increasing nutritional food options in Vancouver will help our city achieve its health and well-being goals as part of the *Active Communities* initiative, as well as the principles of Vancouver's Food Charter;

WHEREAS New York City has recently introduced a "Green Carts" program to facilitate access to healthy food in neighbourhoods throughout the city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council request that staff work with the Vancouver Food Policy Council to provide a report on how to proceed with:

1. Expanding the variety of food sold through street vendors in the City of Vancouver, with a focus on foods that are nutritious and represent the cultural diversity of Vancouver;

2. Expanding the geographical area in which street vendors selling food can operate in the City of Vancouver;
3. Increasing access to affordable, nutritious food in low-income communities through the Street Vendor program

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