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MOTION ON NOTICE

At the Regular Council meeting on September 30, 2008, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Deal. Councillor Ball 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 October 2, 2008.

1. Support Federal Arts Funding

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor

Whereas the Federal Government recently cut funding to arts programs by \$45 million dollars, and

Whereas these cuts included the complete elimination of several programs including PromArt, Trade Routes and Canadian Cultural Observatory, and

Whereas these programs provide industry support for Canadian artists working internationally (including touring companies of Canadian productions), expansion of digital media, training programs for cultural workers, research and development programs, and

Whereas there are over a million Canadian artists and cultural workers who inject \$85 billion (directly and indirectly) into the Canadian economy, representing over 7% of the GDP, and

Whereas Vancouver, the Provincial Government and VANOC are currently encouraging and supporting cultural tourism and actively promoting local artists overseas in the lead-up to the 2010 Olympics, and

Whereas cultural tourism is supported by the presence of Canadian artists in communities around the world,

Therefore be it resolved that Vancouver City Council go on record in opposition to these cuts in Federal arts funding and that the Mayor of Vancouver request that the Prime Minister reverse the cuts to arts programs.

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