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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Cadman submitted the following Motion at the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting on October 28, 2008. Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

3. Advance Poll in Strathcona/Downtown Eastside

MOVER: Councillor David Cadman

SECONDER: Councillor Tim Stevenson

WHEREAS advanced voting provides citizens with a larger window of time in which to cast votes;

AND WHEREAS advance voting enhances voter participation, particularly for citizens who are elderly, disabled or have other challenges that may prevent them from voting on election day;

AND WHEREAS many residents of the Downtown Eastside have difficulty proving the electors residency requirements;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no advanced polling location near the Downtown Eastside;

AND WHEREAS the Downtown Eastside and adjoining areas have often registered a lower voter turnout relative to other areas of the city;

AND WHEREAS some of the most pressing issues facing all residents of Vancouver in this election directly impact residents of the Downtown Eastside, including homelessness, crime, and drug addiction;

AND WHEREAS the Strathcona Community Centre could serve as an ideal advance poll location for residents of the Downtown Eastside and adjacent areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct the Vancouver Elections Office to schedule an advance poll at a location in the Downtown Eastside, Strathcona, Chinatown districts.

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