

MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Enforcement of Standards of Maintenance By-Law

At its meeting on December 16, 2008, Vancouver City Council agreed to refer the following Motion to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on December 18, 2008, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

WHEREAS there is a shortage of safe, secure, affordable housing in Vancouver, particularly for low-income tenants;

WHEREAS the Standards of Maintenance By-law is one of the most important tools the City has to maintain and protect rental housing stock;

WHEREAS without enforcement of the Standards of Maintenance By-law, properties can degrade to the point that tenants are forced to leave;

WHEREAS the City has the ability, through the Standards of Maintenance By-law to repair buildings and charge the costs to the owner;

AND WHEREAS the costs borne to the City go beyond the repair of buildings or staff time, but also include emergency aid and shelter displaced tenants;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Staff provide a report to Council by the end of January, 2009 listing all the orders issued under the Standard of Maintenance By-law in the Downtown Eastside in 2007 and 2008, describing the orders, the response to the orders by the owners of the affected buildings, and identifying which orders have resulted in compliance and which remain outstanding.
- B. Staff report back on the specific steps the City would have to undertake, and the additional resources that would be required to immediately exercise its powers under the Standards of Maintenance by-law to use its own staff and resources to repair a building in violation of the Standards of Maintenance By-law to bring it into compliance with the By-law.

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