

MOTION ON NOTICE

4. Citizens' Summit

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver is committed to bringing the community into City Hall by engaging citizens, and soliciting their ideas, input and creative energy;

AND WHEREAS Vancouver faces many economic, social and environmental challenges

AND WHEREAS the City has a unique ability to convene a dialogue amongst the many diverse communities in Vancouver, both geographic and demographic;

AND WHEREAS although the City has a strong history of good consultation, increasing diversity and increased community expectations for engagement necessitate constant improvement in how to engage citizens in policy and planning decisions

AND WHEREAS part of the City's role is to provide opportunities for citizens to learn and exchange on urban issues;

AND WHEREAS the City Manager is reviewing the many processes used by different departments and staff in the city to consult the public in advance of City policy and planning decisions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT the City Manager be asked to facilitate a citizens' summit series as part of an ongoing process of improving citizen engagement on public policy and planning decisions in Vancouver.
2. THAT the City Manager be tasked with determining appropriate budgets and staff resources to support such an initiative and to work with the Mayors office to ensure that there is appropriate citizen leadership involved in the design of the series.
3. THAT the City Manager be asked to integrate the plan for the citizens summit series into the on-going review of consultation and engagement strategies, to ensure the goal of producing a plan based on best practices.