

MOTION

5. Coroner's Inquest into the death of Curtis Brick

MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS witnesses allege that Curtis Brick spent hours in the sun on the second hottest day of 2009 in Vancouver, with temperatures reaching over 34 degrees Celsius;

WHEREAS on May 5, 2009, this City Council unanimously endorsed the immediate implementation of all twelve recommendations from the Frank Paul Inquiry;

WHEREAS the Chief Coroner has the discretion to call a public coroner's inquest to answer public questions and prevent similar deaths;

WHEREAS individual members of the Aboriginal and broader community, the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, the Aboriginal Transformative Justice Services Society, the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network, the Lu'ma Native Housing Society, and the Pivot Legal Society have publicly called for a coroner's inquest to take place and asked this Council to endorse their call for an inquest in order to prevent similar deaths in the future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Vancouver City Council endorses the request from the community for a coroner's inquest into the death of Curtis Brick; and

FURTHER THAT Vancouver City Council requests the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the Chief Coroner's Office, and instructs the City Manager to report back to this Council at the first available and appropriate public opportunity the response of the Coroner's Office; and

FURTHER THAT staff undertake a review of existing extreme weather emergency services offered by the City and make recommendations on these services that would further reduce the risk for street homeless and other vulnerable populations, such as homebound senior citizens, in the event of extreme heat or cold events.

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The Mayor advised that a request to speak had been received on this motion. Council agreed to refer the motion to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2009, in order to hear from the speaker.

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