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MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Support for BC Film Industry

MOVER: Councillor Heather Deal

SECONDER: Councillor Geoff Meggs

WHEREAS the BC Film Industry spent over \$1.2 Billion on BC productions in 2008; and

WHEREAS over 20,000 people in Greater Vancouver are employed in the film industry with 97% of production crews being made up of local people; and

WHEREAS BC offers a 25% refundable tax credit for film and television production labour; and

WHEREAS the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec offer a 25% refundable tax credit on all labour and qualifying non-labour film and television production costs; and

WHEREAS that tax inequity gives Ontario and Quebec a distinct competitive advantage which is being reflected in future film and television production booking; and

WHEREAS the film and entertainment industry is an important part of the City's Green Capital economic development strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT Council request that the Mayor send a letter to the BC Premier and the BC Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts encouraging them to restructure BC Film Industry tax credits to compete with those of Ontario and Quebec.
2. THAT the City Manager be asked to work with the Vancouver Economic Development Commission to assess what other measures the City may take to enhance the competitiveness of the Vancouver area film and entertainment industry as it relates to Vancouver Green Capital.
3. THAT Council request that the Mayor urge the BC and Canadian governments to coordinate film industry tax credits across the country to prevent future escalation of tax credits.

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