

MOTION ON NOTICE

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4. Recognition of Previous City Electrician

MOVER: Councillor Suzanne Anton

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS

1. Mr. Arkady Tsisserev was hired by Vancouver City Council in January 1994 pursuant to section 312 of the Vancouver Charter and worked as the City Electrician for over 16 years;
2. The City Electrician is one of only a few staff appointments made directly by Vancouver City Council;
3. Mr. Tsisserev has a doctorate in electrical engineering;
4. Mr. Tsisserev enjoyed the respect of his peers both at the city and across the country, as exemplified by the following positions and recognitions:
 - (a) Chair of the Canadian Electrical Code Part I committee;
 - (b) Active member of numerous other national and international technical and standards committees;
 - (c) Association of Professional Engineers and Geologists of BC Professional Service Award;
 - (d) Canadian standards association John Jenkins award awarded to those who have shown leadership through personal involvement over a period of years in the development advancement and application of voluntary standards;
 - (e) Inducted into the Fellowship of Engineers of Canada
 - (f) Twice recognized by Vancouver City Council for his contribution to electrical safety in the city of Vancouver;
5. Mr. Tsisserev was dismissed by council for “restructuring” on 21st Jan 2010;
6. Mr. Tsisserev is the only member of city staff who has been “restructured” out of a position with the City of Vancouver in the recent round of budget cuts;
7. Mr. Tsisserev was paid \$153,000 upon his departure from the City;
8. In letting Mr. Tsisserev go, Council neglected to give Mr. Tsisserev a vote of confidence and thanks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Vancouver City Council thanks Mr. Arkady Tsisserev for his many years of exemplary service as City Electrician in the City of Vancouver.
2. The City Manager be requested to arrange a suitable recognition for Mr. Tsisserev as thanks and appreciation for his many years of service to the City.

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