

7. Support for Bill C-304 - Homelessness and Housing

MOVER: Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

SECONDER: Councillor Kerry Jang

WHEREAS:

1. Homelessness and affordability is a national crisis in Canada;
2. There are over 1,500 homeless people in Vancouver and shelters are not homes;
3. There are over 150,000 homeless people in Canada and between 10,500 and 15,000 homeless people in BC;
4. There are 1.7 million Canadian households in core housing need, representing over 4 million Canadians;
5. The Conference Board of Canada recently released a report that showed that 67% of Metro Vancouver households struggle with the high cost of housing;
6. The UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing recommended re-establishing a national housing program in Canada;
7. 40% of all housing in the Netherlands is social housing, 22% in the UK and Sweden, 14% in Germany, France and Ireland, Canada only has 5% of its overall housing stock as social housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver support Bill C-304, a bill to support a national housing strategy in Canada, and write to all British Columbia MPs and the Prime Minister to support the legislation; and
- B. THAT this motion be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as an emergency motion.

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