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MOTION ON NOTICE

5. Accountability In Spending

MOVER: Councillor David Cadman

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS:

1. there is no longer an Olympics-related urgency for the City Manager to make quick spending decisions;
2. the current finances of the City of Vancouver demand fiscal responsibility around spending decisions due to tight budgets;
3. large expenditures by the City of Vancouver should be made publicly and transparently;
4. Vancouver taxpayers have serious concerns about a recent string of questionable expenditures including office renovations and untendered contracts;
5. increasing the level of transparency and community involvement in the City's decision making processes was a key issue in the platforms of both COPE and Vision Vancouver in the last civic election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Council return the City Manager's spending authority to the pre-Olympics thresholds for untendered, unapproved contracts.
2. Council direct the City Manager to report back to Council on the progress of all untendered contracts over \$30,000, with respect to what's been achieved including a cost/benefit analysis that takes into account a triple bottom line.
3. Council direct staff to insure that these and all future contracts over \$30,000 be posted on the City of Vancouver website, recognizing that this level of online access is compatible with the City's commitment to open data.

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