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MOTION ON NOTICE

At the Regular Council meeting on February 15, 2011, Councillor Louie submitted the following Notice of Motion, which was recognized by the Chair.

1. Neighbourhood Impacts from Installation of Wireless Antenna Systems in Vancouver

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS on January 1st 2008 Industry Canada set out procedures for antenna installations throughout Canadian municipalities; and

WHEREAS telecommunications providers are currently carrying out installations in Canadian municipalities based on their understanding of these procedures; and

WHEREAS over the past few months several antenna installations have been undertaken in Vancouver without receiving City approval, which have produced many complaints to the City of Vancouver, Councillors, and local MPs from Vancouver residents; and

WHEREAS telecommunications companies in Vancouver are an important part of the future economic development of the City and require the City of Vancouver's support to ensure a proper relationship with neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS currently the Industry Canada procedures for the installation of antennas shorter than 15 meters are not aligned with Council adopted zoning regulations for antenna installations and existing City processes and urban design considerations; and

WHEREAS telecommunications companies have agreed to cease further installation of monopoles in Vancouver while City staff work with them to develop appropriate protocols and processes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct the City Manager to ensure citizen and industry concerns are identified and integrated into a coherent approach to this issue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff continue to work with telecommunications companies, federal agencies, and Vancouver Coastal Health in a collaborative process to develop clear protocols and guidelines for the installation of all antennas in the city that balance citizen, industry and city needs in addressing current challenges in regards to permitting, public process and urban design issues.

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