

Supports Item No. 1b
P&E Committee Agenda
June 30, 2011

1b. Community-Based Care for Seniors

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on May 31, 2011, referred the following motion to a Standing Committee meeting, in order to hear from people who had requested to speak:

MOVER: Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

SECONDER: Councillor Andrea Reimer

WHEREAS

1. Access to community-based care for BC's growing seniors population is vital to keeping seniors healthy in their own homes and communities, and controlling cost pressures in the broader health care system,
2. BC's Ombudsperson is nearing completion of an investigation into systematic issues in seniors care and a number of independent reports and studies (including from the BC Medical Association and the UBC Centre for Health Services and Policy Research) document problems in timely access to appropriate care, inadequate care and inadequate coordination of services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver ask the Union of BC Municipalities to urge the Provincial Government to significantly enhance BC's system of community-based seniors care, in order to ensure timely access to the full range of public services that support seniors to age and die with dignity.

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