

MOTION

4. Online Rental Database

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting in the morning of January 17, 2012, referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting in the afternoon of January 17, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Tim Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Kerry Jang

WHEREAS

1. 52% of Vancouver residents are renters;
2. there are approximately 4,900 purpose-built rental buildings in Vancouver;
3. many of these rental buildings are several decades old, and require regular maintenance to maintain the safety and livability for tenants;
4. information on these buildings, such as property violations, currently exists in the public domain but is difficult to access;
5. the City of Vancouver is striving to be a leader in implementing open source standards and applications;
6. other cities, including New York, have created online, searchable databases that include information on the history of rental apartment buildings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City staff report back on creating an online, searchable database of rental apartments in Vancouver, which would:

- utilize existing publicly available information collected by the City; and
- include information such as building owner, outstanding work orders, and property violations, if any.

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