

MOTION

7. New WorkBC Employment Centres and Impact on Vancouver Based Services

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by

WHEREAS

1. The BC Ministry of Social Development has reformed the Employment Program of BC by streamlining employment service delivery through 100 lead agencies as opposed to individually contracting with over 700 individual agencies across the Province;
2. Within Vancouver, forty-eight local service providers will cease to receive direct funding from the Province but instead whose funding will be determined by five primary agencies that will act as subcontractors or will lead or develop new employment service functions which represents a fundamental change in how employment services are provided to the City's specialized populations;
3. Several local agencies now face imminent discontinuation of services, program destabilization, or closure as a result of these changes;
4. It is not known if these programs, which have been long supported by the City of Vancouver, could continue under the auspices of one of the new lead or sub-contracted employment service providers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to review the impact of these changes to determine any service gaps, especially for vulnerable and other specialized clients, and determine if changes in service delivery and funding for certain groups will impact other City services, such as social grant demands, or other funding demands on the City.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to act on opportunities to influence or mitigate impacts where possible and report these to City Council.

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