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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 2. New Strategies to Provide Studio and Creative Space

MOVER: Councillor Geoff Meggs

SECONDER:

#### WHEREAS

1. Access to suitable, affordable creative space is an acute problem for artists and cultural groups in Vancouver;
2. The creative sector is a critical element in the city's economic and social life;
3. The Park Board has taken the lead to initiate creative options for the use of some of their facilities; and
4. The City of Vancouver, Vancouver Park Board and Vancouver School Board are significant landowners in the city and supporter of the arts with the potential to develop new strategies to increase the supply of creative space.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to provide a report on:

1. Current Park Board, School Board and City initiatives under way with a framework to support and implement the provision of creative and studio space;
2. The status of current policy reviews focused on enhancing regulation of studio and creative space; and
3. Options for a pilot program among the three partners to make available 10,000 square feet of space for studio use on a short and medium-term basis through a request for proposals that seeks to:
  - Evaluate strategies to increase the supply of studio and creative space;
  - Identify obstacles to the provision of suitable space by private sector landlords; and
  - Operates on a cost-recovery, as opposed to subsidy model.

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