

MOTION

City Policy to Address Residents with Dementia

On May 15, 2012, Vancouver City Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on May 15, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Tang

WHEREAS

1. One in eight Vancouver residents is over the age of 65, and by 2036, seniors will account for one in five residents;
2. One in eleven Canadians over the age of 65 has Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia;
3. The VPD regularly issue media advisories for the public's assistance in finding seniors with dementia who are missing;
4. Cities such as the City of Toronto are developing policy for City staff to better recognize, assist and serve residents with dementia;
5. A growing seniors population in Vancouver requires ongoing improvements in City service delivery and responsiveness;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT City staff be requested to report back on developing policy to better assist residents with dementia, including front-line City staff trained to identify signs of seniors in crisis.
- B. THAT staff work with key civic groups including, but not limited to, social development staff, the Park Board, Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services, Vancouver Police Department, Seniors and the Disability Advisory Committees, the Alzheimer's Society of BC, and Vancouver Coastal Health through our Urban Health Initiative, to develop this policy.

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