

# B.1

## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 1. Reduce Cigarette Butts on Vancouver Streets

MOVER: Councillor Adriane Carr

SECONDER: Councillor

#### WHEREAS

1. Vancouver has one of the lowest rates of smoking in Canada, but still, according to the most recent statistics, 12.3% of residents (113,423 people) in the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority region smoke;
2. The provincial ban on smoking in all public places and workplaces and the City of Vancouver's ban on smoking at beaches, parks and within 6 meters of doors, open windows and air intakes, have not been accompanied by placement of cigarette butt receptacles in public areas where people do smoke;
3. Community campaigns to clean up public streets and spaces, such as Keep Vancouver Spectacular, the West End Cleanup, and the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, have identified cigarette butts as the most common item of litter; and
4. Cigarette butts are not only unsightly but also, washed from sidewalks and streets into storm sewers, can damage Vancouver's sewage system and marine environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City of Vancouver staff investigate options to reduce cigarette butt litter including providing cigarette butt receptacles in public areas where smoking is currently allowed;

FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council with sufficient time for options to be considered for the 2012 budget.

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