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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 3. Continuation of Funding for Vancouver's Historic Railway

MOVER: Councillor Elizabeth Ball

SECONDER: Councillor George Affleck

#### WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver relies heavily on the tourism sector as an economic generator;
2. The City of Vancouver is proud of its history and heritage;
3. The Historic Railway has been in seasonal operation since 1998 (no service in 2007 & 2009 while tracks were being upgraded) and has carried 133,092 passengers over that time;
4. The City of Vancouver has invested considerable resources to the preservation of the Historic Railway, including the initial purchase of the land from Canadian Pacific Railway for \$8.95 million and \$8.5 million to upgrade the Downtown Historic Railway infrastructure prior to the 2010 Olympics;
5. The City of Vancouver has not allocated funds for the operation and maintenance of the Historic Railway for 2012;
6. The Historic Railway is operated by volunteers, and adds immensely to the experience of tourists and citizens of all ages in the City;

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT staff provide a report to Council on or before council meetings scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012, on the factors behind the refusal to contribute \$100,000 in 2012 to the operations of the Historic Railway.
- B. THAT staff provide short term and long term financial and operational options to Council for the Historic Railway between Granville Island and Moberly Road, on or before July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with a goal to have the railway running for summer 2012.

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