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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 24th and 25th, 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 24th and 25th, 2012 with a goal to have the railway running for summer 2012.

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