

B.1

MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Federal Government: Long-Term Infrastructure Plan

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Mayor Gregor Robertson

WHEREAS

1. The Building Canada Plan and a number of important federal-provincial transfer agreements vital to Canada's cities and communities will expire in March 2014; and
2. Federal investments over the last few years have helped to slow the decline of our cities and communities, and the Government of Canada has committed to develop a new long-term plan for municipal infrastructure funding in consultation with municipal and provincial/territorial governments; and
3. A seamless transition from the Building Canada Plan to a new long term plan is necessary to ensure that municipalities can continue planning their capital spending effectively;
4. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has launched a campaign to ensure the new plan reflects municipal priorities across the country and asks its member municipalities to pass a Council resolution supporting the campaign; and
5. The City of Vancouver has identified a series of large-scale infrastructure projects linked to economic development such as building rapid transit serving the Central Broadway business district and improving connections with the Port of Vancouver, in addition to ongoing long-term infrastructure needs such as maintaining and upgrading the water and sewer systems, addressing housing affordability, renewing and expanding community facilities/infrastructure to serve a growing population, and replacing or upgrading facilities/infrastructure to meet current seismic standards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council endorses the campaign by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to work with FCM to ensure the new long-term infrastructure plan meets the core infrastructure needs of cities and communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Vancouver City Council urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to ensure that the new long-term plan is fully in place when existing programs expire in 2014; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Denis Lebel; to BC Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Honourable Blair Lekstrom; to BC Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, the Honourable Ida Chong; to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and to the Union of BC Municipalities.

* * * * *