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MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Developing a Regional Ban on Shark Fin Products

MOVER: Councillor Kerry Jang

SECONDER: Councillor Raymond Louie

WHEREAS

1. Shark finning is an inhumane practice involving the removal and retention of shark fin accompanied by the discarding of the rest of the shark body into the ocean whilst still alive;
2. Each year, up to 73 million sharks are killed primarily for their fins, threatening one-third of open ocean sharks with extinction;
3. Despite being considered a delicacy, the Chinese Government has announced the phasing out of serving shark fins at official celebratory banquets within 3 years;
4. Top restaurants throughout the world, most notably in Hong Kong have voluntarily withdrawn all shark fin products from their menus;
5. The municipalities of Port Moody and Coquitlam have banned shark fin products for sale in local businesses;
6. The largest number of businesses selling shark fin products are located in Vancouver, Richmond, and Burnaby;
7. The Cities of Burnaby and Richmond have recently passed motions directing their respective staff to report back on a range of local bylaw changes and work with the City of Vancouver staff to develop a regional approach to ban the sale of shark fin in local businesses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council instruct staff to work directly with the Cities of Richmond and Burnaby in order to develop a common approach to ban the sale of Shark Fin in our cities and report back to City Council on these options.

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