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MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Family Bowling Centre on Vancouver's West Side

MOVER: Councillor Adriane Carr

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS

1. Bowling, especially five-pin bowling, is a healthy activity that appeals to people of all ages and backgrounds, including seniors and children who are sometimes challenged to keep fit, and is an ideal component of public recreation and active living in a "Healthy City";
2. Bowling is a fun social activity that contributes to healthy communities by creating friendships, promoting inclusion and enhancing connectedness, and is a good antidote to loneliness that, according to a recent study by the Vancouver Foundation, is experienced by a quarter of Vancouver residents;
3. The only bowling centre on Vancouver's West Side, the Varsity Ridge Bowling Centre, has contributed to the health and well-being of local residents since its establishment in 1976, being currently and regularly used by 30 leagues, several teams from Canadian Mental Health Association and bowlers from the ages of 3 to 96 including families, teens, 400 seniors and approximately 12,000 Vancouver school children per year, and its demolition represents a significant loss of a valuable resource; and
4. The City of Langford built a bowling facility as part of its City Centre Park that, ever since it opened in 2011, has been packed with bowlers and generates a profit for the city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognize the importance of bowling to the health and well-being of thousands of Vancouver residents and include access to bowling facilities in Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy 2012-2020;

BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council support the consideration of bowling in the range of recreational activities offered to Vancouver residents through our city's recreational facilities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff work with Park Board to consider options for the City of Vancouver to provide a Family Bowling Centre to serve Vancouver's West Side and report back to Council in conjunction with Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy 2012-2020.

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