

MOTION ON NOTICE

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2. Coordinated Action to End Bullying

MOVER: Councillor Andrea Reimer

SECONDER: Mayor Gregor Robertson

WHEREAS

1. Reducing and eventually eliminating bullying is a priority of our City as evidenced through investments in programs such as CitizenU, which aim to increase community capacity to end racism, and on-going participation in Stop Bullying Day since its inception;
2. The Vancouver Board of Education, the district, and individual schools place a priority on maintaining safe learning environments by actively engaging staff, students and parents in anti-bullying work;
3. The Vancouver Board of Education has shown global leadership in its work to end bullying related to LGBTTO youth, staff and parents;
4. A partnership of youth, parents, educators and other school employees, police, youth-serving organizations and community members have a role to play in highlighting the dangers of bullying;
5. The launch today by Port Coquitlam of just such a partnership provides a template for municipal action;
6. The recent death of Amanda Todd in Port Coquitlam due to bullying, and the recent discovery of a "suicide pact" amongst teens in East Vancouver highlights the urgent need for action;
7. The Vancouver Board of Education will be considering a motion on November 27, 2012 calling for greater Federal and Provincial supports for youth at risk of suicide.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City staff be directed to approach the Vancouver Board of Education, and community partner groups already engaged in anti-bullying work, including bullying associated with sexual orientation, ethnicity, or gender identity, to:

- Explore opportunities for coordinated action to accelerate anti-bullying efforts in Vancouver.
- Coordinate advocacy efforts to garner the necessary Provincial and Federal support programs for youth at risk of suicide.

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