

MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Resolution of the NHL Lockout

MOVER: Councillor Geoff Meggs

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver Canucks are involved in collective bargaining negotiations between the National Hockey League Players' Association ("NHLPA") and the National Hockey League ("NHL");
2. The NHL and NHL Players' Association remain in lockout, stalemated, with no clear path to resolution in sight;
3. The Canucks generate revenues in excess of \$100 million annually, as well as spinoff benefits of a similar magnitude for the local economy;
4. The loss of the entire season by one of Vancouver's leading professional sports teams would have a ripple effect on thousands of city residents, from employees of the Canucks, to food vendors and security and cleaning staff at Rogers Arena, as well as local sports bars, restaurants, hotels, with a total economic loss of tens of millions of dollars;
5. The Canucks have a deep connection to the community, but are unable to continue making their usual contributions to charities and other community organizations in Metro Vancouver; and
6. The City of Ottawa has called on other NHL cities to join it in urging a swift resolution of this impasse by sending a letter to the Executive Director of the NHLPA and the commissioner of the NHL, highlighting the economic impact of this dispute.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council endorse Ottawa's appeal, ask the Mayor to write to the National Hockey League (NHL) and the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) urging a speedy end to the dispute, and encourage other NHL cities to follow Ottawa's example.

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