

MOTION

4. Port Metro Vancouver Must Adequately Consult on Coal Export Proposals

At its meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, Vancouver City Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Carr

SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (Port Metro Vancouver) is currently evaluating proposals to increase coal exports from Neptune Terminal in North Vancouver and from Fraser Surrey Docks Direct Coal Transfer Facility by up to 14 million metric tonnes (Mt), which would make Port Metro Vancouver the largest coal exporter in North America;
2. The export of this coal would detrimentally affect Vancouver's air quality and would ultimately release, when burned, more than 100 Mt of greenhouse gas emissions per year—more than all of BC's annual global warming emissions;
3. Vancouver's Greenest City 2020 Action Plan includes attaining the cleanest air of any major city in the world, and showing climate leadership by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 33% from 2007 levels and ultimately eliminating dependence on fossil fuels;
4. By its Motion of February 29, 2012, Council expressed unequivocal support for ample and meaningful public consultation on a future Kinder Morgan expanded pipeline/bitumen export project and directed staff to provide ongoing monitoring of any proposals that would expand the volume of fossil fuel exports including coal;
5. Port Metro Vancouver has not, to date, provided adequate opportunity for meaningful public consultation with Vancouver residents regarding these coal export expansion projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff provide a publicly posted memo to Council by the next Council meeting on the two coal export expansion proposals under consideration by Port Metro Vancouver and the public consultation undertaken by Port Metro Vancouver on these projects to date;

FURTHER THAT Mayor and Council request that Port Metro Vancouver delay decision on the Fraser Surrey Docks Direct Coal Transfer Facility and Neptune Terminal expanded coal export proposals until Council is assured that ample and meaningful public consultation on these projects has taken place;

AND FURTHER THAT Council request that Port Metro Vancouver incorporate consideration of the global climate change and local air quality impacts of project proposals into their decision making processes.