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MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Support for Vancouver's Film and TV Industry

MOVER: Mayor Gregor Robertson

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver has a long-standing film and TV industry that is a major contributor to the City's economy;
2. Vancouver and British Columbia's ability to remain a competitive film and TV market requires support from the Provincial Government;
3. Ontario has overtaken BC to become North America's third-biggest production centre;
4. The competition between provinces for tax credits is creating a 'race to the bottom' situation for Canada's film and TV industry;
5. BC's film industry is worth an estimated \$1.19 billion, and employs 25,000 people;
6. The Motion Picture Production Industry Association of BC is predicting employment rates will be down at least 40% from last year in the first quarter of 2013;
7. There are significant concerns about the decline of Vancouver's film and TV industry, and the spin-off impacts it will have on other creative industries;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Manager and the Vancouver Economic Commission provide an update to Vancouver City Council on the state of the film and TV industry in Vancouver, what the City is doing to support the industry, and any actions it can take;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor write to the Premier, Leader of the Provincial Opposition, and the Prime Minister expressing concern for the industry, and urging a national approach that would see a level playing field across Canada in the film and TV industry.

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