

MOTION ON NOTICE

6. Downtown Vancouver New Year's Eve Celebration Event

MOVER: Councillor George Affleck

SECONDER: Councillor Elizabeth Ball

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver would like to foster opportunities for the arts and culture sector and prides itself on its robust arts and culture scene;
1. The City of Vancouver relies on a strong and vibrant tourism sector;
2. Special events help to showcase the city in terms of its livability;
3. A First Night New Year's Eve celebration has been hosted in Vancouver on and off since the mid-eighties;
4. The Province of British Columbia has hosted a family friendly New Year's celebration with live entertainment and early countdowns at Robson Square since 2009.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT staff contact the Provincial government to look at options to collaborate and expand the existing First Night event.
- B. THAT staff report back on options and opportunities, including potential partners (including the Provincial government), and potential risks to hold a safe and friendly celebration on New Year's Eve in downtown Vancouver.

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