

## 11. Transit Plan for the Homeless

At its meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, Vancouver City Council referred the above-noted motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVER: Councillor Geoff Meggs

SECONDER: Councillor Kerry Jang

### WHEREAS

1. Access to transit is vital for homeless people to travel to shelters or to critical appointments;
2. A very limited number of transit tickets, paid for by the Provincial Government, have been available through shelters and service providers;
3. The homeless normally do not have the resources to pay transit fares and by necessity have often been forced to travel without proper fare payment;
4. The implementation of the Compass card system will trigger a new urgency to recognize and manage the current informal arrangements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Vancouver endorse the call of the Vancouver Urban Core Community Workers' Association (VUCCWA), a coalition of organizations providing shelter, outreach and other services to the homeless, to TransLink to establish a task force with representation of provincial ministries responsible for public transit, health and housing and VUCCWA to develop a Regional Homeless Transit Plan that makes the system accessible to homeless people while minimizing costs to TransLink;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver urge Metro Vancouver and other member municipalities to endorse the development of a Regional Homeless Transit Plan, including consideration of a reduced fare option for individuals on income assistance along the lines of those now in place for persons with disabilities and low income seniors.

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