

MOTION ON NOTICE

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4. Support Vancouver's Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Councillor Heather Deal

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver's Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team (HUSAR) was recently deployed to Calgary to assist in dealing with extensive flooding;
2. 56 members of HUSAR went to Calgary, providing humanitarian assistance, building inspections, documentation and helping with pumping operations;
3. The Federal Government discontinued funding for the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program in the 2012 Budget, which provided 33% of the total funding required to maintain HUSAR;
4. HUSAR Teams in Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, and Vancouver have asked the Federal Government for \$400,000 each, for three years, to maintain HUSAR's capabilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver's HUSAR Team be requested to provide an update to City Council on lessons learned from the Calgary deployment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor write to the Minister of Public Safety in support of the funding ask made by the leaders of HUSAR teams in Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and Vancouver.

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