

## MOTION

### 2. Safe Sidewalks

On November 5, 2013, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on November 6, 2013, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Ball  
SECONDED by Councillor Affleck

#### WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver respects and acknowledges the valuable contributions senior citizens have made to the city;
2. The City of Vancouver is home to over 82,000 senior citizens as well as many persons with physical challenges requiring wheelchairs, walkers, canes, strollers and other aids to mobility;
3. Throughout Vancouver many sidewalks have impediments to mobility including overgrown shrubs, bushes, trees and other vegetation;
4. Such impediments to mobility can cause serious injuries;
5. The City of Vancouver has enjoyed success serving the community through the 3-1-1 telephone service which was approved by Council in November 2006 and launched in June 2009.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver find new ways to encourage citizens to report encroachments to 3-1-1. Such encroachments on City sidewalks could be hazardous to children, seniors, and persons with physical disabilities during the day or night.
- B. THAT staff work with the Seniors' Advisory Committee and the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and other stakeholder groups as deemed appropriate.
- C. THAT staff take action to remove all such identified hazards to mobility as soon as possible.

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