

MOTION ON NOTICE

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1. Pre-Paid Parking Program

MOVER: Councillor Louie

SECONDER: Mayor Robertson

WHEREAS

1. The holiday season is currently underway and many citizens are celebrating in our city with co-workers, friends and family;
2. The City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Department encourages those celebrating to always drink responsibly and to not drink and drive;
3. Current parking regulations do not allow parking to be prepaid for a subsequent morning;
4. In April 2011 the City of Seattle as part of their Nightlife and road safety program introduced a Pre-Paid Parking Program that allows drivers to pay for street parking in the morning starting at 10 pm so drivers can give themselves a little more time to get home safely and retrieve their vehicles the next day;
5. The Seattle program has increased from about 600 instances of use in the first month to an average of over 2500 pre-paid uses every month in 2012;
6. The use of technology in the metered parking system, such as mobile apps, pay-by-phone, and new digital meters adds to the ease of implementation with limited up-front costs;
7. This will create an incentive for people who have consumed more alcohol than expected to take a safe option to return home by leaving their car behind;
8. The Vancouver Chief of Police and the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association have indicated their support for a Pre-Paid Parking Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to immediately implement a Pre-Paid Parking Program.

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