

## MOTION

### 11. Olympic and Paralympic Pride House Initiative

At the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, Vancouver City Council referred the motion below to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on December 18, 2013, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Mayor Robertson  
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

#### WHEREAS

1. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims "every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms, and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance";
2. The Declaration states that "everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind";
3. The Olympic Charter states as fundamental principles of Olympism that:  
  
*"The practice of sport is a human right. Every individual must have the possibility of practicing sport, without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play,"* and that  
  
*"Any form of discrimination with regard to a country or a person on grounds of religion, politics, gender or otherwise is incompatible with belonging to the Olympic Movement."*  
  
The Constitution of the International Paralympic Committee states that the Vision, Mission and Objectives of the IPC are to:  
  
*"Promote sports for athletes with disabilities without discrimination for political, religious, economic, disability, racial, gender or sexual orientation reasons." ;*
4. The community-led creation of Pride Houses at the 2010 Vancouver-Whistler Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games marked a new benchmark in the affirmation of the right of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer athletes to participate in the Games on the basis of full equality and inclusion;
5. The establishment of Pride House at the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games demonstrated that the explicit inclusion of the GLBTQ community as an affirmation of human rights, in keeping with the fundamental principles of Olympism and Paralympism was emerging as an enduring legacy of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver, as host city of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, urge the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee to demonstrate their support for full recognition of human rights of all athletes by directing all future host cities to facilitate and endorse the creation of a community-led Pride House as part of their bid.
- B. THAT the City of Vancouver, as host city of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, urge the International Olympic Committee to update their Charters to explicitly include a non-discrimination clause in regard to LGBTQ persons and sexual and gender identity.
- C. THAT the City of Vancouver petition the IOC and IPC to ensure the protection of all LGBTQ athletes, coaches, officials and spectators and their allies in Sochi during the forthcoming 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.
- D. THAT Vancouver City Council endorse the efforts of Councillor Tim Stevenson, who while serving as Deputy Mayor and representing the City of Vancouver during the upcoming Sochi 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, will advocate for this with members of the International Olympic Committee and International Paralympic Committee, in Sochi Russia.

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