

MOTION ON NOTICE

# B.4

4. Endorse the *From Seed to Cedar* Campaign

MOVER: Councillor Reimer

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. Aboriginal Early Childhood Development and Care (AECDC) describes the full range of programs that support young children's development of their cognitive, social, emotional and physical abilities and gifts with the care required to support their development. These programs are designed for Aboriginal children between the ages of birth to six and their families;
2. The *From Seed to Cedar* campaign was launched in May 2013 by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society with three goals: 1) To raise awareness about the role, quality and need for AECDC programs in BC communities; 2) To recognize the work of dedicated early childhood educators; and 3) To create a network of Aboriginal ECDC champions across the province;
3. According to Statistics Canada's 2006 Aboriginal Peoples Survey 24 per cent off-reserve First Nations and 14 per cent Métis children under six receiving child care were in arrangements that promoted traditional and cultural values and customs;
4. At their most recent meeting, the Joint Council Childcare Council received a presentation on the *From Seed to Cedar* campaign, subsequently endorsed the campaign and requested that City Council also endorse the campaign.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver endorse the *From Seed to Cedar* campaign and express support for the three goals of the campaign, namely:

- 1) To raise awareness about the role, quality and need for Aboriginal Early Childhood Development and Care programs in BC communities;
- 2) To recognize the work of dedicated early childhood educators;
- 3) To create a network of Aboriginal ECDC champions across the province.

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