

MOTION

7. Social Policy Framework for British Columbia

At the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, to hear from speakers.

MOVER: Councillor Reimer

SECONDER: Councillor Jang

WHEREAS

1. The Board Voice Society of British Columbia is an affiliation of umbrella organizations for social service organizations, whose purpose is to generate collaborative projects aimed at bringing to the public the scope, depth and importance of the social care sector;
2. In 2013 the Board Voice Society of British Columbia initiated a campaign to develop a comprehensive Social Policy Framework for British Columbia, modelled on the success of a social policy framework developed by the community and adopted by the Alberta Provincial Government (<http://socialpolicy.alberta.ca/>);
3. The importance of a comprehensive social policy framework to Vancouverites is validated by the City's own decision to move forward with the Healthy City for All policy framework currently in its final round of community consultation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council forward the following motion to the 2014 Union of BC Municipalities Annual General Meeting:

WHEREAS every British Columbian depends on social services, health care, justice and education services;

AND WHEREAS our communities are partners in the delivery of many of these services and are facing increasingly complex social challenges requiring coordination between multiple social ministries of government, municipalities and the community agencies and organizations that deliver services to the public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the municipal governments of British Columbia call upon the Premier to begin a consultation with British Columbians to initiate the development of a Social Policy Framework that will set out key policy directions, values, priorities, roles and expectations, and guide the creation of public policy to meet our social needs now and into the future.

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