

MOTION ON NOTICE

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1. Urban Primary Care Clinics

MOVER: Councillor Jang

SECONDER: Councillor Meggs

WHEREAS

1. A goal of the Healthy City Strategy is that Vancouverites have equitable access to high-quality social, community, and health services; that all Vancouverites are attached to a primary health care provider or family doctor; and to increase the percentage of Vancouverites who report having access to services when they need them by 25% over 2014 levels;
2. Vancouver Coastal Health has moved to integrate services from urban primary care clinics (UPC), specifically from Evergreen (Renfrew Collingwood), Pacific Spirit (Kerrisdale), South (South Vancouver) to Ravensong (Mount Pleasant); the closure of Pine Clinic (Kitsilano); and reduction of services at Mid-Main Community Health Care Centre (Mount Pleasant);
3. The integration of these services will cause patients, in particular patients with addiction and mental health issues, and those who are elderly and frail, to travel across the city from their home neighbourhoods to other neighbourhoods to access services, causing significant accessibility issues;
4. The Pine Clinic is the city's only dedicated youth 25 and under clinic - no consultation with young people has been made in relation to this decision that dramatically impacts how care is delivered to young people in the city;
5. An independent review by Dr. Gary Mazowita, Head, Family and Community Medicine, Providence Health Care, and Vicki Farrally of Praxis Management, could not determine the reason for the proposed integration of services and what "problem" the integration would solve;
6. The independent review recommended strengthening and diversifying current UPC clinic interdisciplinary teams with additional personnel (RN's, mental health and addiction counsellors, social workers) from other health authority community programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Council request Vancouver Coastal Health maintain and improve primary care services at the Evergreen, Ravensong, Pacific Spirit, South, and Pine clinics, and restore services to the Mid Main Community Health Care Centre;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor and Council request Vancouver Coastal Health to review their primary care policies and organization to support, particularly in urban centres, the integrated interdisciplinary care delivered through community health centres.

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