

## MOTION

### 5. Vancouver as a Future Host City for the FIA Formula E Championship

At the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

SECONDED by Councillor Affleck

#### WHEREAS

1. Vancouver City Council is dedicated to addressing environmental challenges through measurable and attainable targets;
2. In February 2014, the City of Vancouver was awarded a Sustainable Communities Award (Transportation) by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for its electric vehicle program;
3. The world's first fully-electric racing series, the FIA<sup>1</sup> Formula E Championship, features quiet Formula cars powered exclusively by clean, electric energy;
4. FIA Formula E Championship races are a one-day event with practice, qualifying rounds and the race taking place in a single day to minimise disruption to the host city;
5. Formula E races take place in city centres easily accessible by public transport;
6. Leading cities, including London, Rome, Los Angeles, Miami, Beijing, Putrajaya, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, are featured in the FIA Formula E Championship's preliminary calendar for its 2014 inaugural race year;
7. Formula E races have short-term and long-term economic benefits for host cities such as eco-tourism, green job creation and research, as well as short-term and long-term social benefits including engaging citizens as volunteers, fostering social inclusion and creating awareness of the potential of electric vehicles;
8. Formula E races demonstrate a global commitment to clean mobility and sustainability and serve to increase awareness about the environment.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to explore the opportunity for Vancouver to become a future host city for a FIA Formula E Championship race featuring Formula cars powered exclusively by electric energy.
- B. THAT staff report back to City Council in the early fall with a report on the economic, cultural, and educational opportunities by hosting a FIA Formula E Championship race, and the costs for the event, should the race be held in Vancouver.

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<sup>1</sup> Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile