

MOTION ON NOTICE

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1. Relocation of St. Paul's Hospital

MOVER: Councillor Jang

SECONDER: Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS

1. The Province of BC and Providence Health Care have announced they plan to build a new hospital and health care campus on the False Creek Flats;
2. The investment includes a commitment to increasing mental health and addiction services, which is urgently needed in the City of Vancouver;
3. The current St. Paul's Hospital provides crucial services including emergency response, HIV/AIDS treatment, and support for mental health and addictions;
4. The West End has a large population, including seniors, who require specialized health care;
5. A new Community Plan for the West End was completed in 2013, and a new Community Plan for the Downtown Eastside was completed in 2014, both of which outline appropriate zoning and building forms in these neighbourhoods;
6. The City's West End Community Plan does not contemplate the closure of St. Paul's Hospital on Burrard Street as the Province had previously committed to its continued operation;
7. The Province has not stated what they intend to do with the current St. Paul's site on Burrard Street;
8. The Province has committed to consulting the West End community about the creation of a primary health care clinic in the neighbourhood.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of the City, write to the Minister of Health and the CEO of Providence Health Care to:
 - 1) express concern regarding any potential reduction in primary care in the Downtown core, as the West End has a high population of residents with chronic health conditions, and the need for local resources in an emergency (such as an earthquake);

- 2) call for a robust public consultation both on the future of the St. Paul's site, as well as the health care services required by the community.
- B. THAT Council support the creation of a new hospital and health care campus on the False Creek Flats, one that significantly increases current treatment resources for people with mental health and addictions challenges in Vancouver.

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