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MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Increased Protection for Tenants and Vancouver's Rental Housing Stock

MOVER: Councillor Meggs

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. About half of Vancouver residents live in rental housing, which provides a crucial element of affordability in the city's overall housing market;
2. City Council took action in 2007 to control the rate of change in rental housing and to protect some, but not all, of the city's rental housing by implementing a by-law that requires rental units to be replaced on a one-for-one basis for redevelopment projects involving six or more units;
3. This by-law and the associated official development plan also required the Development Permit Board to consider the views of tenants and to ensure tenants are offered relocation plans and the right to return to new buildings after replacement;
4. Conditions in the housing market as well as very low vacancy rates threaten to erode the existing stock of rental housing, increasing displacement of tenants, despite the existing by-law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back with options to amend the rate of change guidelines to improve the protection offered to tenants and existing rental units;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff consult with the Renters Advisory Committee as part of developing recommendations for Council.

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