

MOTION

8. Dealing with Unoccupied and Deteriorating Properties Slated for Redevelopment

Councillor Carr submitted the following motion at the June 23, 2015, Council meeting. Councillor De Genova called notice under section 10.3(d) of the *Procedure By-law*.

At the Regular Council meeting on July 7, 2015, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on July 8, 2015, to hear from speakers.

MOVER: Councillor Carr

SECONDER: Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. Along the Cambie Corridor some homes purchased for redevelopment have been left vacant and untended for extended periods of time, attracting squatters, vandalism and theft, that affect local residents' safety, security and quality of life;
2. Redevelopment of different blocks and clusters of homes along the Cambie Corridor occurs at different times which means that the Corridor as a whole could experience deteriorating, unkempt and unsafe conditions for many years;
3. The problem of unoccupied and deteriorating properties exists along the Cambie Corridor as well as other parts of the City of Vancouver despite the City's "*Untidy Premises By-law*" that states: "Every owner or occupier of real property shall maintain the said property in a neat and tidy condition in keeping with a reasonable standard of maintenance prevailing in the neighbourhood."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back to Council before the end of July, 2015 on:

- A. An estimation of the city-wide extent of the problem of unoccupied and deteriorating properties that are being held for redevelopment.
- B. An action plan to address the safety, security and other problems associated with unoccupied, untidy and deteriorating properties slated for redevelopment in the Cambie Corridor, including actions by our police and fire services, enforcement of the Untidy Premises Bylaw and other relevant bylaws.
- C. Whether the City can require that developers holding vacant properties for redevelopment for lengthy periods of time either ensure occupancy or provide security services for their properties.

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