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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 5. Celebration Plans for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Expo 86

MOVER: Councillor Affleck

SECONDER: Councillor Ball

#### WHEREAS

1. 2016 will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Expo 86, which was officially opened on May 2, 1986 by the Prince and Princess of Wales and closed 172 highly successful days later on October 13, 1986;
2. Expo 86 was a pivotal event in the city's history, one that showcased Vancouver to the world, bringing global recognition and praise, including worldwide recognition for local artists and the city's arts and culture sector, and a major boost to tourism;
3. Expo 86 saw over 22 million visitors, exceeding the original projected attendance of 13.7 million, and contributed \$3.7 billion to Canada's economy - the equivalent of \$7.1 billion in 2015 dollars;
4. Expo 86 coincided with the centennial of Vancouver's incorporation on April 6, 1886 - the same year in which the first transcontinental train arrived in the city, the Pacific terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway;
5. The theme of Expo 86 was Transportation and Communications - "World in Motion - World in Touch" - and was reflective of Vancouver's historic role in connecting Canada by rail, its status as a major port and transportation hub, and the role of transportation in communications;
6. The infrastructure contributions from Expo 86 include the SkyTrain Expo Line, Science World, BC Place Stadium, Canada Place, and the Plaza of Nations, all of which are assets that continue to contribute to the city's economy and tourism sector in conjunction with subsequent investments in the Canada and Millennium Lines, the Vancouver Convention Centre, and one of the world's most highly regarded international airports;
7. As a travel destination, Vancouver is one of the world's most exciting, attractive and welcoming cities with a vibrant regional tourism sector that generates more than \$3.6 billion in economic activity annually through its various industry sectors including accommodation, food and beverage, retail shopping, private and public transportation, recreation, arts, culture, and entertainment;
8. The 30th anniversary of Expo 86 is an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions, legacy, and success of Expo 86 and an opportunity to once again bring together all those who were involved in the success and the experience of Expo 86.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to explore and then report back on the opportunity to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Expo 86 by holding a celebration in May 2016, with possible partners to include, but not limited to, Tourism Vancouver, the Vancouver Economic Commission, the Government of BC, the Government of Canada, and other private and non-profit organizations.

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