

MOTION

11. Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainability

At the Regular Council meeting on December 13, 2016, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on December 14, 2016, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Ball

SECONDED by Councillor De Genova

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is a member of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the largest association of local governments in the world, through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
2. The UCLG approved Agenda 21 policy statement "Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainable Development" passed on November 17, 2010. The UCLG has affirmed that the fundamental purpose of governance is to work towards a healthy, safe, tolerant and creative society, as well being financially prosperous;
3. The City of Vancouver enjoys long-term policies to support three pillars of sustainability: the Greenest City Action Plan (ecological), the Vancouver Economic Action Strategy (environment) and the Healthy City Strategy (social). Culture as the fourth pillar will augment the existing three pillars, foster connections between them, and will maximize their collective impact;
4. Canadian cities, such as Montreal, Toronto, Quebec City, Nanaimo, Kelowna, New Westminster, Langley, Port Moody, and Nelson have recognized culture as the fourth pillar of sustainability;
5. The following motion has three purposes: (1) to promote the development of Vancouver's arts and cultural sector; (2) to promote cultural diversity and inclusion within the City of Vancouver; (3) to ensure that culture has a major place in all of the City of Vancouver's public policies;
6. The City of Vancouver Arts and Culture Policy Council supports the objectives of the UCLG approved Agenda 21 policy statement "Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainable Development".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council requests staff to investigate the opportunity for the City of Vancouver to adopt the Agenda 21 policy statement, "Culture as the Fourth Pillar of Sustainable Development";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council requests staff to investigate the opportunity for the City of Vancouver to participate in the United Cities and Local Governments' Leading Cities (UCLG) cultural sustainability capacity-building and learning programme.

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