

B.5

5. Keeping Promises: Approving and Expediting One Building of 100% Core-Need Rental Housing in the Downtown Eastside

MOVER: Councillor De Genova

SECONDER: Councillor Bremner

WHEREAS

1. In 2008, Mayor Gregor Robertson made a promise to end homelessness in Vancouver by 2015;
2. The 2015 Homeless Count reported 1746 homeless people in Vancouver and the most current numbers in 2017 reported 2138 people as homeless in the city of Vancouver;
3. Approval of a rezoning application or use of City owned land for housing requires a majority vote of Vancouver City Council;
4. In minutes of meetings held by Council since August 2, 2016, there is no motion by the Mayor or any other member of Council promising one building of housing at 100% core-need rates in the Downtown Eastside.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to find one or more sites of City owned land in the Downtown Eastside appropriate for development of a 10-12 storey building with 100% of units to be rented at core-need rates and report back with recommendations to Council at the March 14, 2018, meeting of the City Finance and Services Committee.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to explore funding options, including but not limited to: appropriate budget surpluses, the innovation fund, funding allocated for the Mayor's office in the 2018 budget, unallocated Development Cost Levies and unallocated Community Amenity Contributions.
- C. THAT Council direct Planning and Development Services to expedite and prioritize any permits or inspections necessary to move this project forward.
- D. THAT Council endorse a community liaison committee to meet with staff and that Mayor Robertson be appointed by Council as the liaison to this committee.

* * * * *