

MOTION

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

At the Regular Council meeting on January 30, 2018, Vancouver City Council referred the following matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on February 21, 2018, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by 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.

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