

## MOTION

### 11. Provincial Funding for Energy Retrofits of Buildings

At the Regular Council meeting on March 13, 2018, Vancouver City Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on March 14, 2018, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Carr  
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

#### WHEREAS

1. The B.C. NDP's *Energy and Jobs Plan for BC* includes the following priorities:
  - a. Retrofitting public buildings: "a serious long-term commitment to energy efficiency in all our public buildings (that) will save money, will reduce overall demand for energy, and create good-paying jobs and apprenticeships in every community in British Columbia";
  - b. Retrofitting homes and businesses: "helping families and businesses replace wasteful equipment, seal leaks and install proper insulation...(to) reduce individual Hydro bills, free up our existing generation capacity, and reduce climate changing emissions";
  - c. Investing in clean energy: "British Columbia has tremendous opportunity to produce renewable energy and export renewable energy technology. By providing investment and leadership, the Province of British Columbia can support our technology sector and foster the good-paying research, engineering and trades jobs of the future.";
2. The sooner the Province of BC moves on investing in energy conservation and renewable energy production the better, as both are crucial to meeting not only provincial but also local governments' climate goals;
3. Greenhouse Gas (GhG) emissions from inefficient buildings are high, for example 56 percent of all GhG emissions in the City of Vancouver, but the lack of funding for building retrofits is a major barrier for building owners;
4. Manitoba Hydro provides a good example of how to fund energy retrofits through its on-bill financing program whereby loans for energy retrofits are provided to building owners with loan payments matching prior energy bills;
5. Energy retrofit programs such as Manitoba Hydro's energy retrofit program have created many new skilled jobs in rural, First Nations and urban communities, and resulted in lower energy bills which contribute to more affordable housing;
6. Provincial government investment and leadership in renewable energy technologies would help create jobs in BC communities and also help ensure that low-carbon and zero-carbon building components and technologies are

available so that builders and local governments can meet the building code requirements in the BC Step Energy Code and Vancouver Building By-law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver / Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) / Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) urge the Province of British Columbia to move quickly to:

- a. Retrofit public buildings, including schools, for energy efficiency;
- b. Implement a program such as the Manitoba Hydro's energy retrofit incentives, rebates and loans program to help homeowners and businesses finance energy retrofits on their buildings, including purpose-built rental housing;
- c. Invest in renewable energy technology development and production that would create jobs throughout B.C. and help local governments and builders meet building code requirements that are moving towards zero-carbon buildings.

FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the LMLGA and UBCM.

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