

MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Giving Public More Time to Review Council Reports

MOVER: Councillor Carr

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. Typically, staff reports on City Council agendas are publicly posted to the City of Vancouver website 6 to 7 days prior to the Council meetings at which the recommendation in those reports will be considered for vote;
2. Some of these reports are hundreds of pages long and incorporate the results of lengthy public consultation processes;
3. In some cases, the staff report is the first time that the public is able to assess whether their input has been incorporated into staff recommendations;
4. On many occasions, speakers at Council meetings have expressed frustration and dismay at not having enough time to review a lengthy report, assess the degree to which public input has been incorporated, and confer with members of their organizations about the report in order to provide Council with useful feedback;
5. On several occasions, Council has delayed decision on a report and referred it back to staff for more public consultation because the time for public review of the report has been inadequate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to:

- i. Research best municipal practices on the timing of public release of Council reports in advance of Council meeting;
- ii. Identify which types of report are of most concern to the public when they are released with inadequate time for public review;
- iii. Report back to Council within six months with recommendations on changes to the practices regarding timing of public release of Council reports in advance of Council meetings.

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