

## **MOTION**

### **2. Ensuring Drinking Water in Vancouver Public Facilities is Lead-Free**

On September 18, 2018, Vancouver City Council referred the following Motion to the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services on September 19, 2018, as Unfinished Business.

MOVER: Councillor Carr

SECONDER:

#### **WHEREAS**

1. We must ensure safe drinking water for everyone using City and Park Board facilities;
2. The National Plumbing Code of Canada allowed lead as an acceptable material in pipes until 1975 and in solder until 1986;
3. Lead can be harmful to human health, even in very small amounts. Lead is most serious for pregnant women and young children because infants and children absorb lead more easily than adults and are more susceptible to its harmful effects, such as effects on behaviour and intelligence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to:

1. Review any testing results for drinking water lead levels in City and Park Board facilities performed to date. If there are elevated lead levels undertake mitigation strategies and create testing/monitoring plans to ensure the effectiveness of the strategies.
2. Develop a comprehensive plan to regularly monitor drinking water lead levels in City and Park Board facilities. If any elevated lead levels are found undertake mitigation strategies and create testing/monitoring plans to ensure the effectiveness of the strategies.

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