

## MOTION

### 9. **Making Room for Families: Innovative Solutions to Help Provide the Most Affordable Family Housing in the city of Vancouver**

At the Regular Council meeting on September 18, 2018, Vancouver City Council referred the following Motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on September 19, 2018, to hear from speakers.

MOVER: Councillor De Genova

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

#### WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Housing Strategy proposes a 10-year housing strategy on the City of Vancouver website and sets priorities of the policy to include: building more affordable housing, addressing and limiting the over-inflated cost of land that is driving up housing prices, ensuring the right types of homes are built – homes our residents need and can afford, protecting and renewing existing affordable rental housing across Vancouver, providing housing and support for our most vulnerable residents, streamlining City processes for faster housing development;
2. The City of Vancouver website states that Vancouver should be a place where “Neighbourhoods are full of families, young people can afford to buy a home and People of all incomes and backgrounds can participate in their communities”;
3. There are several models utilized internationally for Affordable Home Ownership that may not require a change to the *Vancouver Charter*;
4. Council unanimously supported a motion put forward in 2015 by Councillor De Genova for Affordable Home Ownership. From this motion, the Chief Housing Officer proposed policy also unanimously supported by Council, titled “Affordable Homeownership Pilot Program”, that is said to require an amendment to the *Vancouver Charter* to proceed”;
5. Inboard and borrowed light bedrooms may allow architects and developers to provide creative and innovative solutions to technical design requirements and build more bedrooms and family housing. The City of Vancouver currently does not recognize inboard or borrowed light bedrooms in approved design guidelines.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to explore possible ways within the *Vancouver Charter* to move forward with a program similar to the Affordable Home Ownership Pilot Program proposed by the City of Vancouver.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to implement a pilot program to implement inboard and borrowed light bedrooms to create more affordable housing, with more bedrooms that is suitable for families.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to expedite permits for housing that provides the most affordable family housing options.

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