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COUNCIL MEMBER'S MOTION

7. Reducing Truck Pollution in Clark-Knight Corridor and Other City Streets

Submitted by: Councillor Swanson

WHEREAS

1. On June 19, 2019, Council passed a resolution calling for significant strengthening of provincial and federal regulations restricting traffic pollution, particularly of the particulates (soot) emitted by heavy trucks as well as requiring fuel alternatives that significantly reduce pollution on major roads; and
2. Council agreed to forward a resolution to the next Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) and Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) meetings taking place later this year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor and Council submit the resolution as attached as Appendix A of this motion as LMLGA and UBCM Resolutions: "Reducing Truck Pollution in Clark-Knight Corridor and Other City Streets".

RESOLUTION

REDUCING TRUCK POLLUTION IN CLARK-KNIGHT CORRIDOR AND OTHER CITY STREETS

City of Vancouver

WHEREAS the high number of older, heavy-duty diesel trucks travelling back and forth to the Port of Vancouver exposes homes, schools and businesses lining Vancouver's Clark-Knight Corridor to significant traffic pollution, according to a July 2018 study by University of Toronto professors in collaboration with Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and Metro Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS exposure to high levels of traffic pollution is linked to increased risk of residents and workers developing respiratory diseases, such as asthma and heart disease, according to Health Canada. Of particular danger is soot, which is indicative of diesel exhaust, a carcinogen associated with lung cancer;

AND WHEREAS the study's authors warned that elevated levels of traffic pollution can be detected as far as 250 metres from major roads, putting millions across the country and thousands living in Vancouver at risk of suffering serious health issues from living on or near major roads;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) lobby the Provincial and Federal governments to significantly strengthen regulations restricting traffic pollution, particularly of the particulates (soot) emitted by heavy-duty vehicles as well as requiring fuel alternatives that significantly reduce pollution on major roads.

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