MOTION ON NOTICE

Submitted by Councillor Ladner for the Regular Council Meeting on April 26, 2005

Subject: Garbage

MOVER: Councillor Ladner SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS May is Keep Vancouver Spectacular Month; and

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver is ramping up to major international events, such as the World Urban Forum, the World Peace Forum, and the 2010 Olympics where we want to present a clean city to visitors; and

WHEREAS street cleanliness makes citizens more comfortable in the public realm and creates civic pride; and

WHEREAS street cleanliness enhances the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS litter is everyone's responsibility, especially the people who make, sell and buy products designed to be thrown away immediately after use, such as coffee cups, pizza plates, candy wrappers and cigarette butts; and

WHEREAS litter from overflowing dumpsters is an ongoing problem in lanes in commercial areas; and

WHEREAS a pilot program testing more secure locking of dumpsters has reduced garbage in lanes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- City staff report back on a recognition program, such as a storefront decal for litter-producing businesses and organizations whose staff pick up street litter outside their premises; and
- City staff report back on requiring dumpster users to display their names on the dumpster bins they contract.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

- the City endorse the Gastown Dumpster-free Alley pilot program to make lanes cleaner and create more usable public spaces in the alleys.
- City staff report back on a requirement that all dumpsters to be securely locked;
- the City work with United We Can on mitigation for people who depend on access to dumpster bins for their livelihood; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City reassess the locations of the new street garbage containers to ensure they are as close as possible to bus stops, intersections, and other pedestrian concentration points.

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