



MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Support for the Regional Transportation Funding Initiative

MOVER: Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDER: Commissioner Wiebe

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver believes in a robust, comprehensive, regional transportation policy;
2. The Province of British Columbia has requested that the Metro Vancouver municipalities hold a referendum (now a plebiscite) on future transportation funding measures;
3. The Metro Vancouver Mayors' Council has put forward a regional transportation investment plan, which includes transit, biking and road upgrades for the region;
4. The Ministry of Transportation has accepted this plan in principle;
5. The Provincial Government has decided, however, that the new tax, if approved by the public in a plebiscite, would be administered by the BC Government and not TransLink;
6. Mail-in ballots for the plebiscite are expected to be sent to Metro Vancouver residents between March 16 and May 31, 2015;
7. The City of Vancouver and the Region face significant challenges should this plebiscite fail.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation support the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Vancouver, to establish a broad coalition of interests to ensure that the plebiscite will succeed.
- B. Staff report back urgently on initiatives that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation could undertake to ensure the success of the plebiscite.
- C. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation support the Mayor to ensure that the plebiscite succeeds.