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MOTION ON NOTICE

5. Submission to Provincial Electoral Reform Commission

MOVER: Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS:

1. On October 2, 2009, Premier Gordon Campbell formed the Local Government Elections Task Force to examine how local elections are conducted in British Columbia;
2. The funds used to campaign for elected office have grown exponentially by both organizations and individuals thereby potentially limiting the ability of many to consider running for office;
3. The public should be entitled to know the source, amount and nature of contributions to these campaigns in order to ensure there is no conflict of interest;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver strike a cross-party City Committee to hear from the public and prepare a proposal to the Provincial Electoral Reform Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

- (i) the submission include the City of Vancouver's Motion submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities on campaign finance reform;
- (ii) the submission include a portion on electoral reform, including the possibility of a ward system and/or proportional representation;
- (iii) the submission include the other incomplete recommendations from the Berger Commission which have been forwarded on to the Province by the past two City Councils and have not been acted upon;
- (iv) the submission ask the Provincial Government for more jurisdiction for municipalities to determine electoral reform to meet local needs.

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