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MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Modular Housing

MOVER: Councillor Kerry Jang

SECONDER: Councillor Raymond Louie

WHEREAS:

1. The March 2010 City of Vancouver homelessness count demonstrated a growing number of homeless individuals (9% increase over the last 2 years);
2. The March 2010 count also demonstrated that despite the increase in homeless individuals, there was a 50% decrease since March 2008 in the number of homeless individuals actually sleeping rough in the street, attributable to the additional shelter capacity associated with the HEAT and 2010 COV Winter Strategy initiatives
3. The Mayor's stated goal is to end street homelessness by 2015;
4. The city is strategizing with its partners to optimize and expedite the availability of both permanent and immediate housing options to move as quickly as possible on this goal;
5. In addition to street homelessness there is also insufficient affordable rental housing in the City, with 39% of renters paying more than 30% of their income on housing;
6. There are a number of organizations who have approached the City to offer the opportunity of piloting modular housing opportunities to enable expedited and flexible housing alternatives on city land while new permanent stock is being built;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Council direct the City Manager to undertake an expression of interest (EOI) to ascertain the range of possibilities and partnerships available to pursue an initiative involving modular housing options, using city and private resources as an enabler, to address unmet housing need while sufficient permanent housing stock is being built.
2. The City Manager return to Council with a report on the results of the EOI, and with further direction from Council, proceed with a formal RFP for a modular housing initiative.

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