

NSV - Neighbourhoods for a Sustainable Vancouver

January 30, 2012

Mayor Robertson and Councillors
City of Vancouver
453 West 12 Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Councillors,

Re: Council Meeting January 31, 2012 - Motion B2 - Request to Metro Vancouver Regarding Broadcasting of Meetings

NSV strongly supports Motion B2 - Request to Metro Vancouver Regarding Broadcasting of Meetings.

Our rationale for supporting this motion is as follows:

The Metro Vancouver (GVRD) Board of Directors and committees need to be more transparent and accountable to the public. This organization draws over \$600 million per year from taxpayers in the region, and has significant impact on many decisions affecting civic finances and the quality of life of people in the entire region, including Vancouver. Meetings are inconvenient for Vancouver citizens and taxpayers to attend, as they are not held within our City, and are held during normal working hours. The minutes of the meetings are only summaries that do not capture all of details that may be relevant to citizens. Having these meetings broadcast on television and the Internet and also made available later by web archive, will make the Metro Vancouver organization more transparent and accountable and enhance public trust in it.

We thank Councillor Affleck for bringing this motion forward and urge Council to pass this motion.

Sincerely,

The Steering Committee
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Motion B2 Link; <http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20120131/documents/motionb2.pdf>