



COALITION OF VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOODS

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October 17, 2016

Mayor Gregor Robertson and Councillors
City of Vancouver

Re: Motion B.1 - Oct. 18, 2016 - Ensuring Vancouver Development Levies are Not Used to Fund Transit
<http://council.vancouver.ca/20161018/documents/motionb1.pdf>

The Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods (CVN) is strongly in support of Motion B.1 - Ensuring Vancouver Development Levies are Not Used to Fund Transit.

We have only one suggested change to the resolution, item #3 as follows (addition in yellow):

3. The City of Vancouver opposes making provincial transit funding contingent on the City's use of Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) **or Development Cost levies (DCLs)** to fund transit as that would infringe on the City's authority and responsibility to implement public amenity strategies as embedded in local area plans and would make it impossible for the City to adequately fund affordable housing and other essential public amenities.

While we support increasing affordable transit in Metro Vancouver, we are opposed to the use of development taxes (CACs or DCLs) or property taxes to fund transit or policies to make increased development a requirement of transit funding. Provincial insistence on this course would seriously undermine the civic tax base, jeopardize the municipal democratic process and infringe on municipal authority.

To avoid further provincial downloading of transit costs onto the City of Vancouver, we encourage you to pass this motion with this amendment and to write to the Province of BC as proposed.

Sincerely,
Larry A. Benge, Chair
On behalf of the Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods.
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Member Groups of the Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods

Arbutus Ridge Community Association	Kits Point Residents Association
Arbutus Ridge/ Kerrisdale/ Shaughnessy Visions	Marpole Oakridge Community Association
Cedar Cottage Area Neighbours	Norquay Residents
Chinatown Action Group	NW Point Grey Home Owners Association
Citygate Intertower Group	Oakridge Langara Area Residents
Community Association of New Yaletown	Ray-Cam
Crosstown Residents Association	Residents Association Mount Pleasant
Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood Council	Riley Park/South Cambie Visions
Dunbar Residents Association	Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners Association
False Creek Residents Association	Strathcona Residents Association
Grandview Woodland Area Council	Upper Kitsilano Residents Association
Granville Burrard Residents & Business Association	West End Neighbours Society
Joyce Area Residents	West Kitsilano Residents Association
Kitsilano-Arbutus Residents Association	West Point Grey Residents Association