

Motion for Board of the Mayors of the GVRD and Other Metro RDs.

DRAFT c September, 2006

As a City and Metro Region, we now have played host to the World Urban Forum. It is timely to make a statement about the very wide ranging civil crisis increasingly coming to bear upon civilization, and on our cities as the centres and focus of our culture.

WHEREAS; the world has had knowledge of now evidenced shortages of energy and raw materials arising from over population, over consumption and waste of resources within a very short period of human history, as was set out in the Club of Rome in 1972, amongst others, and that the impact of the end of oil for energy will severely alter our cities, our lifestyle, and the stability of civilization.

Whereas: our city, like all others, has been built in an era of cheap and apparently abundant energy, which we now see is not sustainable, will be increasingly less sustainable if we continue on our present course, and

Whereas our current pattern of community, forms of transportation, supply of food and basic necessities will be increasingly at risk of inadequate supply and standard of living and

Whereas a **complete paradigm shift** is required by our Metro Region, from personal to community level, to move from talk to action, to re-plan our city for Real Sustainability, and

Whereas we acknowledge the small steps we have started in sustainable design make a good start but in scale and scope are inadequate to meet our future needs, and

Whereas the Metro Region is made up of several Regional Districts which bring together the Mayors and Councils of what is more widely seen as the City State or urban region, *(thereby forming the closest institution of Metro governance of the social/political, cultural, economic and environmental basin which makes up the metro city.)*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That with this motion we set out to review as a region and as member municipalities, all existing land use policy, related policies, methods of governance and control, to make the changes necessary to take our city and region to a new pattern of community, based on achieving **Real Sustainability**.

That we will act together with Provincial and Federal governments, with our citizens, with other cities of the world, to seek out the best solutions to rethink and retool our housing, transportation, and supply of goods and materials in a timely manner, with urgency to move our city and region into a Truly Sustainable mode.

That with this motion and actions to follow that we seek to be the leaders in this endeavour, to protect our citizens from the worst impacts of Peak Oil Shock, the decline of resources and the pressure this will put on our way of life.

That with these new policies, we will address the already impacted citizens in our city and region, and to move us into what has been termed 'a Soft Landing condition', to be proactive as a region rather than be caught off guard or having to deal with coming change from a reactionary position, likely too late to do any good.

That we encourage all other regions and cities of our country and the World to take these steps as a means of protecting humanity from our worst excesses. rb/ssp/nci/pci/2006.06.09