

SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: 2010 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write a letter to Jack Poole, Chair of the VANOC Board of Directors, to request that persons appointed to VANOC committees and boards reflect and consistently represent the vision of strong multicultural diversity that will inspire and deliver an extraordinary 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

REPORT

The Social Issues Committee, at its 'Open' meeting held on 2007 November 15, discussed comments related to ethnic minorities made on the 2007 September 13 CKNW "Reality Check" broadcast.

Arising from the discussion, it was noted that Canada prides itself on its rich multicultural heritage and social inclusion, and these values are key elements of VANOC's sustainability vision for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Game. The Committee recommended that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be asked to write to VANOC advising of the City of Burnaby's position that representatives on VANOC's committees and boards appropriately reflect and represent Canada's rich multicultural diversity.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Chair

Councillor Dan Johnston
Vice Chair

Councillor Garth Evans
Member

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