

**Notice of Motion**  
**2015 August 24**

Resolution regarding National Pharmacare Strategy

"Whereas the City of Burnaby has recognized and has demonstrated over the past years, its commitment to the importance of healthy citizens as the foundation of a healthy, engaged and economically vibrant community; and

Whereas over 3 million Canadians, including many in our local communities, don't take medicines prescribed by their doctors because they can't afford them; and

Whereas Canada is currently the ONLY country with a national medicare program that does not have a national pharmacare program; and

Whereas the risk of having no insurance for medicines is high among lower income Canadians which includes the service industry, precarious working and seasonal workers, like many in the City of Burnaby; and

Whereas studies show that adding a national pharmacare program to our national health care system would lower costs to businesses by over \$8 billion per year, providing Canadian companies competitive advantages in international trade; and

Whereas recent research confirms that these gains can be achieved with little or no increase in public investment; and

Whereas municipal government expenses for employee benefits would be significantly reduced by a national pharmacare program; and

Whereas a national prescription drug formulary would support better quality prescribing, including reducing dangerous and inappropriate prescribing to Canadian seniors; and

Whereas a national pharmacare plan is sound policy, both economically and socially,

The City of Burnaby calls on the UBCM to urge the Province of British Columbia to work with other provinces and the Federal Government to develop and implement a national pharmacare program; and

That the City of Burnaby and the UBCM also urge the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to adopt a similar resolution respecting the Federal government; and

That the City of Burnaby convey the decision of Council on this resolution to the local MPs, the Minister of Health, the Premier of British Columbia, the Federal Minister of Health and the Prime Minister."

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