

Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 21, 2018

Date: June 14, 2018

From: Councillor Ben Isitt

Subject: Advocacy for Adequate and Appropriate Support Services with Housing

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the following resolution and request that the Mayor forward a copy, on behalf of Council, to the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, copying the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister Responsible for Housing, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, and Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies within the Capital Regional District.

<u>Resolution:</u> <u>Provision of Adequate and Appropriate Support Services with Housing</u>

WHEREAS the Housing First model combines the provision of appropriate support services with access to safe, secure housing;

AND WHEREAS inadequate support services are currently creating strains within the supportive housing system in the Capital Region and elsewhere in British Columbia, compromising the housing security, health and wellbeing of residents, while undermining the capacity of housing providers to provide safe, secure and respectful housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia ensure the provision of adequate and appropriate support services in conjunction with housing, developed and delivered through meaningful and respectful engagement with residents, to advance housing security and improve health and wellbeing.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Isitt

Attachments: 1. Letter from the Together Against Poverty Society, dated May 28, 2018