Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 28, 2018

To:	Committee of the Whole	**Date:**	June 22, 2018
From:	Councillors Thornton-Joe, Alto, and Lucas		
Subject:	Funding for Extended Hours for Our Place		

BACKGROUND

Each year Our Place is funded to open from November 1 - March 31 from 7:00am-9:00pm 7 days a week and 9 - 6 on stat holidays. In the spring and summer months, due to funding, the hours from April 1 - October 31 are weekdays from 7:00am-6:00pm, weekends from 10:00am-6:00pm and on statutory holidays only open to serve lunch and dinner. The gap of 3 hours in the morning on weekends, 3 hours 7 nights a week, and the limited hours on statutory holidays has contributed to an increase in already existing congregation on the boulevard outside of Our Place, as people are waiting for Our Place to open and after they are closed. As the First Met shelter closes in the morning at 7am, those who need a place to have a shower and get some food wait outside of Our Place on weekends until it is opened. Also, as the First Met shelter opens at 7pm, people have to wait outside Our Place or over at First Met for the hour before First Met's doors are opened. Another concern is that the new Supervised Consumption Site will be opened from 6:30am-8:00pm, 7 days a week. By funding Our Place to be opened with similar hours, individuals will be able to seek services and supports that Our Place offers.

Upon receiving a budget from Our Place to extend their hours similar to winter hours until the end of March 31st, 2019, BC Housing is committed to contributing one time funding of $75,000 towards the increased hours as long as others are willing to partner and fund the remaining necessary amount. Island Heath has come forward with some additional funds to provide services and supports and the City is needed to also provide some funds.

MOTION

That Council allocate $25,000 from contingency to partner with BC Housing and Island Health to increase the hours and services for Our Place to match winter hours until March 31st, 2019 and that a meeting be held between the City, BC Housing and Island Health and others to determine long term solutions.

Respectfully submitted,

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