

## Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 20, 2018

Date: September 13, 2018

From: Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday

**Subject:** Support for Second Stage Housing

## **Background:**

The BC Housing Management Commission (BC Housing) has issued an expression of interest for the purpose of identifying non-profit housing providers that are interested in providing housing for women and women with children who have experienced or who are at risk of experiencing violence.

This objective aligns with the expertise and vision of the Victoria Women's Transition House to establish second stage housing to help women and children fleeing abuse to have the needed time to re-establish their family away from their abusers. Second stage housing builds on the Transition House's strong track record offering emergency temporary shelter services, while providing substantially greater security for women and children fleeing abuse.

It is therefore recommended that Council request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to BC Housing, expressing support for the efforts of the Victoria Women's Transition House to establish second stage housing in Victoria.

## **Recommendation:**

That Council request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Executive Director of the BC Housing Management Commission, expressing support for the efforts of the Victoria Women's Transition House to establish second-stage housing in Victoria.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Isitt

Councillor Loveday