

## Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 7, 2019

**Date:** January 30, 2019

From: Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday

**Subject:** Resolution: Youth Voting in Local Government Elections

## Recommendations:

THAT Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2019 annual conventions of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities, and directs staff to forward this resolution to member local governments requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Youth Voting in Local Government Elections

WHEREAS youth have a strong interest in the future of local communities;

AND WHEREAS empowering young people to participate in democratic processes fosters ongoing and active civic participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia revise the voting age for local government elections to 16 years of age.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Isitt

Councillor Loveday