



Council Member Motion

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 21, 2019

Date: March 15, 2019

From: Councillors Jeremy Loveday, Ben Isitt, Sarah Potts and Sharmarke Dubow

Subject: Improving Public Safety and Efficiency through a Regional Police Department

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the following resolution and forward a copy to the provincial Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, to Members of the Legislative Assembly representing residents of the Township of Esquimalt and City of Victoria, to the Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board, and to the Mayor and Council of the Township of Esquimalt, requesting favourable consideration:

Resolution: Increasing Public Safety and Efficiency through a Regional Police Department

WHEREAS the costs of providing policing services in the metropolitan area of Greater Victoria is disproportionately borne by rate payers in the Township of Esquimalt and City of Victoria;

AND WHEREAS social problems in all municipalities and electoral areas result in increasing demands for policing services in the core area of the region, suggesting that these costs should be distributed equitably;

AND WHEREAS consolidation of command and coordination of resourcing and equipment will produce fiscal and operational efficiencies, with corresponding benefits to public safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia establish a Regional Police Department for the Capital Region, governed by a reconstituted Police Board, with funding allocated according to established funding formula among CRD member local governments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Loveday

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Councillor Isitt

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Councillor Dubow