



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 17, 2019**

Date: October 15, 2019
From: Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday
Subject: Victoria Edelweiss Club Zoning Request

Background:

Council has received correspondence from the Victoria Edelweiss Club requesting that the zoning and Official Community Plan designation for the club's facility at 108 Niagara Street be adjusted to reflect the existing use, rather than a hypothetical future development potential, in order to reduce the assessed value and the annual taxes owing on the property.

In order to support the existing diverse uses of the facility by a range of cultural and non-for-profit organizations, it is recommended that Council respond favourably to the club's request by directing staff to proceed with a city-initiated rezoning and Official Community Plan amendment.

Recommendations:

1. That Council directs staff to initiate a rezoning and Official Community Plan amendment for the property at 108 Niagara Street to designate the existing use as the permitted use, with consideration of amendment bylaws for final adoption by Council prior to December 31, 2019.
2. That Council invites other community halls and cultural facilities in the City of Victoria to indicate their interest in pursuing a downzoning in order to align property taxation with the existing use of cultural facilities, thereby increasing their financial sustainability.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben Isitt'.

Councillor Isitt

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Councillor Loveday

Attachment:

1. Letter from Victoria Edelweiss Club, September 2019