Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Jan. 23rd, 2020

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** Jan. 16, 2020

From: Councillor Loveday and Councillor Isitt

Subject: Endorsement of a Universal School Food Program for BC

BACKGROUND

One of the key strategic priorities for the City of Victoria is to foster "health, wellbeing, and a welcoming City". The Strategic plan includes an action to "Increase local food security with urban agriculture initiatives to foster food production on private land, support farmers markets and community gardens, food storage and distribution systems".

The City of Victoria has previously endorsed a resolution and championed universal school food programs at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities. The momentum towards a universal school food program is building and the Coalition for Healthy School Food's campaign is seeking endorsements from supporting organizations, agencies and local governments.

Recommendation:

That the City of Victoria endorse the efforts of the Coalition for Healthy School Food to advocate for a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program. This support is based on a shared belief that all children and youth in British Columbia should have daily access to healthy food at school.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Loveday Councillor Isitt