

Victoria, B.C.

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Mayor Helps and Councillors  
City of Victoria

**Re: Request for “Group Accident Insurance” policy**

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Further to VCAN request formally made to Council through a submission made by Wayne Shillington on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, correspondence of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, and a brief conversation with Mayor Helps four weeks ago, we await confirmation of your decision relating to the VCAN request. We understand that budget considerations are either underway or completed and would expect this **modest request to provide insurance for the many volunteers throughout the City to be funded.**

At the January VCAN meeting, neighbourhood association members confirmed their support of the request for the City of Victoria to provide funding and establish a “Group Accident Insurance” policy for the six neighbourhood associations which are “stand alone” in that they do not operate, or work within, a centre which has such insurance. The neighbourhood associations being: DRA, JBNA, Rockland, North Park, and the Jubilees.

The need for group accident insurance has broadened. A neighbourhood with a centre recently discovered that the accident insurance had been dropped from the organization’s policy a couple of years ago. We are unsure as to how many neighbourhoods this has affected; however, we understand that at least one neighbourhood with a centre has contracted on its own for the accident insurance. **The problem has grown.**

There are financial savings if a “Group” policy approach is taken rather than an “Individual” policy approach.

Citizens volunteering for Neighbourhood Associations in different parts of the City have different insurance coverage for identical activities and risks. For the six neighbourhood associations without centre grants, the cost to carry such insurance would be prohibitive.

VCAN asks that Council approve the request to establish a Group Accident Insurance Policy for the six Neighbourhood Associations which are not covered under Centre insurance policies and any other neighbourhood which may now require such insurance.

Sincerely,



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