



**Council Member Motion  
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 12, 2020**

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**Date:** March 11, 2020  
**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt  
**Subject:** Response to COVID-19 in Victoria, BC

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**Recommendation:**

That Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies without delay to the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, the federal Ministers of Transport and Health, and the Provincial Health Officer of British Columbia:

**Resolution: Response to COVID-19 in Victoria, BC**

WHEREAS Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has advised that cruise ship visits to the Port of Victoria should be postponed to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS members of the public have expressed concern over the scheduled arrival of international cruise ships to the City of Victoria beginning in early April 2020, including a ship which has been quarantined in another jurisdiction with confirmed cases of COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS jurisdictions around the world have taken measures to restrict international transport in order to contain COVID-19 and reduce the risk to human health and the strain on public healthcare systems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority follow the advice of the Provincial Health Officer and suspend authorization for the landing of international cruise ships at the Ogden Point Wharves until risks associated with COVID-19 have subsided;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that the Government of Canada as the operator of the Port of Victoria follow the advice of the Provincial Health Officer and suspend authorization of international cruise ship visits to the Port of Victoria until risks associated with COVID-19 have subsided;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria requests that the Government of Canada work with other levels of government to provide relief to workers and businesses that experience hardship as a result of a postponement of cruise ship visits to the Port of Victoria.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Councillor Isitt