

Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14 2020

To: Committee of the Whole Date: May 8 2020

From: Mayor Helps

Subject: Recovery Town Hall

BACKGROUND

Council is bringing forward a number of recommendations in order to take appropriate action at a City level to aid in the economic, social and cultural recovery of the community. The motions Council is considering today are immediate actions to be taken to assist the public and small businesses. Those that are adopted should be undertaken without delay.

The Provincial government has also developed a recovery plan, ReStart BC. Soon after the Province announced its plan, the Premier held public townhall to answer questions about the plan. My recommendation is that Council follow a similar course. The townhall will not be to gather citizen input on ideas for recovery. I know that this is what we have all been doing over the past six weeks, which is how the recommendations have landed at our table today. Rather it will be to share information about Council's decisions and actions the city will take with respect to recovery and answer questions from the public.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to hold a digital townhall in late May or early June to share the City's proposed initiatives with the public and answers questions about proposed plans and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Helps