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

To:	Committee of the Whole	**Date:**	May 8 2020
From:	Councillor Young		
Subject:	Safe and Supervised Indoor Sheltering		

RECOMMENDATION

Request the Province to establish a safe and supervised indoor sheltering location with sufficient capacity to meet the need of all those now sleeping in parks and on the streets who cannot be located in permanent housing.

BACKGROUND

Efforts to restore tourism, hospitality and downtown retail will fail if the sense of disorder and lawlessness that characterize parts of the downtown as a result of the closing of shelter beds and an influx of homeless people from elsewhere not addressed. This issue has absorbed far too much of our staff energy and time at the expense of other parts of the recovery effort and the Province should recognize it is primarily a health care issue rather than a housing issue. This location should have sufficient capacity and be sufficiently well supervised that no one is required to sleep in a park, street or doorway, nor should anyone have safety concerns about being directed to the sheltering location.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Geoff Young