



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

Date: May 7, 2020

From: Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts and Councillor Dubow

Subject: Pathway to Recovery for a Caring, Low Carbon Community

Background

The Covid-19 pandemic and the associated social and economic crises have demonstrated the resilience of our local community, signalling a potential path forward for the recovery phase.

A coalition of grassroots organizations have prepared a regional policy agenda for Caring, Low-Carbon Communities to address the climate and ecological crisis, the inequality crisis, the opioid and overdose crisis, and the ongoing impacts of colonization, entitled *Moving Forward, Not Backward: A Regional Agenda for Caring, Low-Carbon Communities After Covid-19* (see Attachment 1).

This policy agenda aligns closely with many of the actions in the City of Victoria's Strategic Plan 2019-2022, as well as advocacy resolutions previously adopted by Council.

It is therefore recommended that Council endorse in principle the *Moving Forward, Not Backward* policy statement as a path forward for Covid-19 recovery.

Recommendations

That Council endorse in principle the *Moving Forward, Not Backward* policy statement and refer the report to the August 6, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting to inform decisions relating to the 2020 and 2021 Financial Plans.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment:

1. *Moving Forward, Not Backward: A Regional Agenda for Caring, Low-Carbon Communities After Covid-19* (May 2020)