

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**  
**FROM THE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

For the Council meeting of September 3, 2020, the Committee recommends the following:

**G.1 City Response on Sheltering During the Pandemic**

That Council:

1. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare amendments to the Parks Regulation Bylaw, to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, which include
  - a. the following temporary adjustments;
    - i. no prohibition on daytime sheltering in accordance with Council direction of May 21, 2020;
    - ii. Limitation on maximum size of a shelter (limit footprint of sheltering site);
    - iii. Spacing requirements for prevention of fire spread, access for emergency services, and maintain physical distancing to reduce spread of infection;
    - iv. Restrictions on possession of open flame appliances and combustible materials;
    - v. Creation of a buffer around areas where sheltering is prohibited in parks, as well as schools; and
    - vi. A clause repealing the amendments 30 days after the last extension of the Provincial state of emergency; and
  - b. the following permanent adjustment;
    - i. Adding community gardens and horticultural areas to the list of areas where sheltering is not permitted; and
    - ii. Adding Summit Park, Moss Rocks Park, MacDonald Park, South Park, Robert Porter Park, David Spencer Park, to the list of parks where sheltering is prohibited.
2. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$165,000 in 2020 funded from contingencies for additional Bylaw Services resources, and direct staff to include ongoing annual budget of \$491,000 in the draft 2021 Financial Plan funded by 2021 new property tax revenue from new development.

**I.2 Council Member Motion: Engagement to Inform City of Victoria Policy Re Encampments**

1. That Council approve up to \$40,161.00 from the Financial Stability Reserve to facilitate an engagement with people currently sheltering and camping in the city's parks, and seek potential funding partners.
2. That Council provide a grant to the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness to facilitate that engagement.