Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 5, 2020

To:	Committee of the Whole	**Date:**	October 30, 2020
From:	Councillor Thornton-Joe and Mayor Helps		
Subject:	Extended Hours for Showers and Washrooms		

Background:

At our last Council meeting, there was a discussion on the importance in providing showers for those who are unhoused. I was tasked with speaking to Our Place about extending their hours.

Currently Our Place hours are from 630am until 9pm. Showers are normally open 8am-4pm every day (including weekends). The City has recently provided Our Place with $8,000 a month to provide showers for an addition 3 hours (from 6-9pm) Monday to Friday funded through EMBC (EAF) on a month to month basis.

If the City wanted Our Place to provide showers for an additional 5 hours 7 days a week (4pm-9pm) it would cost just over $15,000 a month (an additional $7,000 on top of the current $8,000 that is being provided.

Recommendation:

That the staff report back on availability of funds to continue to provide evening showers at Our Place and to increase the funds to provide increased hours 7 days a week.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlayne Thornton-Joe

Councillor Thornton-Joe

Mayor Helps