



**Council Member Motion  
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 25, 2021**

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**Date:** February 23, 2021

**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt

**Subject:** AVICC/UBCM Resolution: Acquisition of Apartment Buildings for Affordable Housing

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**Rationale for Consideration as a Late Agenda Item:**

The deadline for submission of resolutions to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration at the 2021 Virtual Convention is February 26, 2021. It is therefore recommended that Council consider the following resolution prior to this deadline.

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopts the following resolution and directs staff to forward electronic copies to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC), the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), and AVICC member local governments, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

*Resolution: Acquisition of Apartment Buildings for Affordable Housing*

WHEREAS communities face acute challenges around housing affordability and housing availability, undermining the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities;

AND WHEREAS purpose-built rental apartment buildings from previous decades are an essential component of the current rental housing supply, meaning that future renewal of these properties poses substantial opportunities and risks for current occupants as well as local communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia work with local communities, the not-for-profit sector and other partners on a program of landbanking purpose-built rental apartment buildings, to preserve and renew this essential component of the affordable rental housing supply.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt