



Committee of the Whole Report

For the Meeting of March 25, 2021

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** March 8, 2021
From: Susanne Thompson, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer
Subject: BC Transit Bus Tickets for Persons Sheltering Outdoors

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 12, 2020 Council approved funding up to \$2,812.50 per month for 3 months to the Community Social Planning Council's BC Transit Ticket Assistance Program and to bring to Council a review of this program after 3 months. All funds as approved have been issued. Should Council wish to continue the program, direction to do so, including a funding source, would accomplish this.

The Community Social Planning Council partnered with PEERS as the operational lead on this project to help with the distribution as it was determined they had the ability to reach the community sheltering outdoors in Victoria. Staff have worked with both organizations to coordinate the distribution plan of these ticket based on the need, request and statistics of tickets issued.

One book of bus tickets contains 25 sheets, and each sheet holds 10 individual bus tickets. The standard cost of a bus ticket sheet is \$22.50, so one book of bus tickets costs \$562.50. Since the BC Transit Ticket Program matches on a 1:1 basis, this results in double the number of tickets received. The maximum funding amount of \$2,812.50 results in 10 books or 2,500 individual tickets.

Three installments of \$2,812.50 have been issued since December which translates into 30 books or 7,500 tickets being distributed to the community sheltering outdoors. The tables below provided by PEERS demonstrate the distribution statistics for the first two installments. The statistics for the final month will be available after the end of March.

Peers and City of Victoria Unsheltered Bus Ticket Program - January 26, 2021

Organization	Tickets
By-Law	1 Book (250 tickets)
LLEOHN	2 Books (500 tickets)
Community Care Tent	2 Books (500 tickets)
Our Place Society	0.8 Books (200 tickets)
Fairfield Gonzales Community Association	0.2 Books (50 tickets)
Peers Outreach	4 Books (1000 tickets)
TOTAL	10 Books (2,500 tickets)
*Also gave out 2 books (500) of our own tickets to meet demand	

Peers and City of Victoria Unsheltered Bus Ticket Program - February 25th, 2021

Organization	Tickets
Community Care Tent	2 Books (500 tickets)
Indigenous Harm Reduction Team	2 Books (500 tickets)
Howard Johnson	1 Book (250 tickets)
Our Place Society	1 Book (250 tickets)
BC Housing Outreach	1 Book (250 tickets)
Peers Outreach	15 Sheets (150 tickets)
SAFER	10 Sheets (100 tickets)
Night Laundry Program	15 Sheets (150 tickets)
Red Cedar	10 Sheets (100 tickets)
Harbour	10 Sheets (100 tickets)
SOLID	15 Sheets (150 tickets)
TOTAL	10 Books (2,500 tickets)

Respectfully submitted,

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Susanne Thompson
Deputy City Manager and
Chief Financial Officer

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager

List of Attachments

Appendix A: Community Social Planning Council's Report