



**Council Member Motion**  
**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 6th, 2021**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** April 22, 2021  
**From:** Councillor Jeremy Loveday and Mayor Helps  
**Subject:** Advocating for Startups Impacted by Covid19

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**MOTION:**

Whereas COVID-19 has resulted in a crisis in the Small Business sector;

AND WHEREAS During the pandemic revenues were catastrophically impacted as a result of closures, capacity limits & social restrictions;

AND WHEREAS Operating costs have spiked during the pandemic;

AND WHEREAS government programs have provided support for businesses including CEWS, CERS, CEBA & HASCAP playing a critical role in saving jobs and bolstering local economies, but these programs have left some businesses behind and deemed them ineligible due only to the timing of their projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria endorse the Save Startups campaign;

AND THAT Council request the Mayor write to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of National Revenue, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, and the Minister of Finance advocating for support for businesses that have fallen through the cracks of government support programs including:

1. Adjusting eligibility for these programs to include both New and Newly-Expanded Businesses, that can demonstrate their project was non-reversible at the outset of the pandemic
2. Implementing an alternate method for determining CEWS and CERS rates for these businesses
3. Back pay to March 15th, 2020 both CEWS & CERS to these businesses based on the alternate rate

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Loveday

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Mayor Helps