

F.1.b.d Council Member Motion: Immediate Temporary and Long Term Housing Solutions for People Sheltering in City Parks and Repealing Temporary Amendments to the Parks Regulation Bylaw

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

It was requested that the numbered items within the motion be voted on separately.

1. That Council direct staff to work with a private land owner or use city-owned land for the construction of temporary tiny home clusters of no more than 30 units beginning with one pilot project in Q1 of 2021 subject to the availability of one year of operating funding from BC Housing.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Potts, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

2. That Council allocate a portion of the City's federal-provincial restart money to help fund solutions that will move people indoors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. That the City request the Province immediately open Oak Bay Lodge to people 55 years and older who are currently living in City parks and/or shelters until the vacant building is demolished for redevelopment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. That the City indicate to the Province that it supports the use of the two sites recently purchased by the Province on Yates Street and Meares Street for affordable, supportive housing and encourages the Province to begin construction of modular housing on those sites as soon as possible, respecting the City's design guidelines.

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Potts, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

5. That the City of Victoria works with the Province and other partners to offer housing or indoor shelter with a path to permanent housing for everyone currently sheltering in City parks by March 31st 2021 and directs staff to bring forward amendments to the Parks Regulation Bylaw so that the temporary measures including 24/7 camping expire on March 31st 2021. Final adoption of these amendments are to be scheduled once it is clear that adequate housing and shelter space will be made available by the March 31st deadline.

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Potts, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Thornton-Joe

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Dubow, Councillor Young

CARRIED (5 to 2)

6. That the City supports partner agencies in engaging people currently sheltering in City parks to determine their housing and support needs, to inform the operation of shelter and housing facilities and ensure access to safe and adequate housing for all.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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