

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 2021

For the Council meeting of March 11, 2021, the Committee recommends the following:

I.1 Council Member Motion: Support for Laid-off Hotel and Tourism Industry Workers

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of City of Victoria affirms that people should not lose their livelihoods due to the pandemic; and
THAT the City of Victoria write to the Ministers of Labour and Tourism expressing our support for the right for laid off workers to return to their jobs when the pandemic eases; and
THAT this letter be forwarded to all BC municipalities asking to write their support; and
THAT the City of Victoria writes to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities.

E.1 Victoria Police Department - Quarter 4 Update

That the report be received for information.

G.1 Regional Rent Bank Pilot Program

1. That Council receive the Greater Victoria Rent Bank Pilot Program report for information.
2. That Council direct staff to:
 - a. Provide a progress report on the Greater Victoria Rent Bank Pilot Program as part of the next Victoria Housing Strategy Annual Review;
 - b. Report back on an as-needed basis if rent bank funding requests arise; and
 - c. Report back near completion of the pilot program in 2022 to report on program effectiveness and to determine if City support is needed for longer-term sustainability of the program.

G.2 Citizen's Assembly Process - Next Steps

That Council approve the recommendations as provided in Option 1 of this report:

1. Approve the estimated costs associated with the Citizens' Assembly and reaffirm the commitment of \$250,000.
2. Direct staff to present the estimated costs to the Provincial Government and seek provincial funding to accommodate at least 1/3 of the associated costs of a Citizens' Assembly.
3. Upon funding approval initiate the procurement process to seek a consultant for the Citizen's Assembly Process upon funding approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.
4. Upon funding approval initiate the procurement process for consultant services for the Technical Analysis upon funding approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.
5. Request staff to work with the consultant to develop a term of reference for an Oversight Committee on the Citizens' Assembly.
6. Approve the in-person participation concept of a Citizens' Assembly.
7. Reduce the number of participants on the Citizens' Assembly to the 'Best Practice' number of 48.
8. Remove or reduce any options for honorarium or per diems from the approved Terms of Reference for the Citizens' Assembly should that be necessary for cost reduction to the overall budget not to exceed \$750,000.

9. That Council accept the remaining changes to sections 3.5, 6, 7.1, 7.2.3, 7.5 and 8.2.1 the Terms of Reference identified in this report to align with Saanich Council's approvals

That Council flag for the District of Saanich and the consultant that people of all genders should be represented and that the Terms of Reference should be amended before the lottery process:

1. to include people who are Transgender, Non-Binary or Two-Spirit.
2. that the composition of the citizens assembly reflect the composition of the census population with respect to ethno-cultural diversity.