



**Council Member Motion**  
**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 26, 2020**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** November 23, 2020  
**From:** Mayor Helps and Councillor Dubow  
**Subject:** Appointing New Members to the Victoria Welcoming Cities Task Force

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**BACKGROUND**

In the spring of 2020, Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Welcoming Cities Task Force. The composition of the Task Force included representation from 11 agencies and 4 members-at-large. The purpose of the Welcoming Cities Task Force is to develop a Welcoming Cities Strategy, providing advice and recommendations to Victoria City Council and Staff.

The City of Victoria Welcoming Cities Task Force (Task Force) is a forum comprised of community leaders:

Appointed by the First Nations:

- Songhees Nation – 1 appointee
- Esquimalt Nation – 1 appointee

Appointed by Council:

- Bayanihan Cultural and Housing Society – 1 appointee
- Chinese Community Services Society – 1 appointee
- George Jay School Parent Advisory Council – 1 appointee
- Greater Victoria Public Library – 1 appointee
- Here Magazine – 1 appointee
- Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA) – 1 appointee
- La Société francophone de Victoria – 1 appointee
- Silver Threads – 1 appointee
- Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society (VIRCS) – 1 appointee
- Members at large – 4 (must include a youth member and an international student)

Collectively these representatives will work on a roadmap to share a commitment to a welcoming, inclusive and cohesive community where everyone can belong and participate in social, cultural, economic and civic life.

One of the key goals is building inclusive and safe communities where there is a policy of access without fear, meaning that any city service being accessed by an individual does not require the collection of information about their immigration documentation status.

Another goal is to support entrepreneurial ambitions of newcomers through the Business Hub at

City Hall.

Task force committee members had their first meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020 and voted to add two new member agencies to assist with making these goals reality.

1. Victoria Police Department
2. Downtown Victoria Business Association

It is recommended that Council amend the terms of reference by appointing one representative from the Victoria Police Department and one representative from the Downtown Victoria Business Association.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1 That Council amend the Welcoming Cities Task Force terms of reference to add one representative from the Victoria Police Department and one representative from the Downtown Victoria Business Association.
- 2 That Council direct staff to recruit the above representatives and bring back to Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Helps



Councillor Dubow