CITY OF VICTORIA

Committee of the Whole Report

For the Meeting of November 26, 2020

To:	Committee of the Whole	**Date:**	November 20, 2020
From:	Susanne Thompson, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer		
Subject:	Emergency Management BC Funding for Showers at Our Place		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City has been receiving funding from Emergency Management BC (EMBC) to support shower facilities at Our Place. Approvals have been granted one month at a time and the City has been required to request extensions each month.

On November 20, 2020, the City was advised that the extension for December was denied because the City has received a grant from the Province that can be used to cover revenue losses, additional costs related to the pandemic, and cost related to services for vulnerable persons. Therefore, EMBC funding for services for vulnerable populations is no longer available. Council directed staff to report back if EMBC funding were denied. As a result of this denial for funding, the shortfall is $10,000 per month.

Council has yet to provide direction for the use of the provincial grant, and this is scheduled to be part of the budget discussion for 2021 that are currently underway. As discussed during the initial meeting, this funding was planned to be part of the mitigation strategies that could achieve Council's direction for a tax increase of no more than inflation plus 1%.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Thompson
Deputy City Manager and
Chief Financial Officer

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date: November 23, 2020