



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 2, 2021**

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** November 29, 2021
From: Councillor Andrew
Subject: Adding Irving Park to list of parks that prohibit camping

BACKGROUND

The City of Victoria is the only municipality in the Capital Region to permit twenty-four hour camping in city parks to manage an increase in people displaced from shelters and unstable housing resulting from restrictions from the covid pandemic.

On May 1, 2021 the City enacted a bylaw to prohibit camping in city owned parks between the hours of 7a.m. and 7p.m.

Irving Park is located next to a seniors centre and contains a children's playground where many children and their families and local seniors visit.

RECOMMENDATION

With the proliferation of shelter spaces, supported housing and temporary housing, council directs staff to report back on the feasibility to add Irving Park to the list of "no camping parks".

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Andrew