Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 9, 2021

To:	Committee of the Whole	**Date:**	November 30, 2021
From:	Mayor Helps		
Subject:	Canada Day 2022 sub-committee		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Canada Day 2022 sub-committee Terms of Reference and appoint members of council to sit on the sub-committee.

PURPOSE

This purpose of this cover letter is to seek Council's approval in establishing a sub-committee to assist in the program development of the City's 2022 Canada Day celebrations.

The City has assumed a leadership role in the establishment of an organizational and funding base for the Canada Day Celebration the past two decades.

In June 2021, the City of Victoria Mayor and Council voted to postpone the virtual celebration of Canada Day in light of local and international news of the uncovering of unmarked graves of young Indigenous children at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. These findings prompted a discussion nationwide of what it means to be Canadian during a time of reconciliation and faced with such atrocity toward Indigenous people in our recent history.

As we approach Canada Day 2022, discussions are underway as to the scope and scale of next year's celebrations. As such, I am recommending a Canada Day sub-committee be formed in order to assist staff and the production team in working with partners and providing overall content direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Helps