

Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 20, 2022

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** January 17, 2022

From: Councillor Ben Isitt

Subject: Advocating for Adequate Complex-Care Housing in Greater Victoria

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward electronic copies to the Premier of British Columbia, copying the Minister of Health, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, members of the Cabinet Working Group on Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness, Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region, the CRD Board, and Mayors and Councils of local governments in the Capital Region:

Resolution: Provision of Adequate Complex Care Housing in Greater Victoria

WHEREAS, the Province of British Columbia has made progress with regional partners providing complex care housing for persons managing dementia and similar health conditions, for example at the Summit at Quadra Village care home;

AND WHEREAS, the Vancouver Island Health Authority has identified a shortage of complex-care housing options for persons with health conditions associated with addictions and mental health;

AND WHEREAS, the Vancouver Island Health Authority has submitted a proposal to the Province of British Columbia to provide complex-care housing for persons with addictions and mental health conditions in Greater Victoria;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria calls on the Province of British Columbia to authorize without delay the Vancouver Island Health Authority's request for complex-care housing for persons managing addictions and mental health conditions in Greater Victoria;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia work with partner agencies and local governments in the Capital Regon to ensure an adequate supply of complex-care housing for persons with addictions and mental health conditions in Greater Victoria.

Respectfully submitted.

Councillor Isitt