

Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 23, 2022

To: Committee of the Whole Date: June 21, 2022

From: Councillor Ben Isitt

Subject: Advocacy for Restoration of Three-Year Terms of Local Government Office

Rationale for Consideration as a Late Item:

This item is proposed as a late item for the June 23, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting agend to allow it to be considered prior to the June 30, 2022 deadline for submitting resolutions to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2022 annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), and direct staff to forward electronic copies to the UBCM and member local governments, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Restoration of Three-Year Terms of Local Government Office

WHEREAS local government is the level of government closest to the people and shorter terms of public office are conducive to greater accountability of elected officials;

AND WHEREAS shorter terms of public office increase accessibility for a diversity of voices, including young people, people who are early- or mid-career, and people with differing familial obligations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM calls on the Government of British Columbia to introduce legislation to restore three-year terms of local government office.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Isitt