

## Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of July 28, 2022

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

From: Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Sharmarke Dubow

**Subject:** Opening Additional Units of Housing with Supports

## Background:

Efforts by City of Victoria staff to support individuals who are currently unhoused are impeded by a lack of an adequate supply of units of housing with appropriate supports.

It is therefore recommended that Council pledge a sum of \$250,000 toward the cost of opening additional units of housing with supports and advocate to the Province of British Columbia to take action without delay to open 100 additional units of housing with supports for people who are currently unhoused in the City of Victoria.

## Recommendation:

## That Council:

- (1) Pledge \$250,000 from the 2022 contingency toward the cost of leasing or acquiring additional units of housing with supports for individuals who are currently unhoused in the City of Victoria.
- (2) Request that the Mayor ask, on behalf of Council, for a meeting with the provincial Minister responsible for Housing, offering this financial contribution to the Province of British Columbia and calling on the Province of British Columbia to take action without delay to open 100 additional units of housing with supports for people who are currently unhoused in the City of Victoria.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Isitt Councillor Dubow