



**Council Member Motion  
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 1, 2022**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** August 29, 2022  
**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt  
**Subject:** Advocacy for Emergency Planning for Multi-Unit Housing

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**Background:**

The Government of British Columbia is currently reviewing and modernizing the provisions of the *Emergency Program Act* to ensure resilience of local communities in response to emergencies.

Residents of the City of Victoria have advocated for improved emergency planning, preparation and response for multi-unit residential buildings, including provisions for strata corporation participation in disaster planning, preparation and response. Residents have described this as an important public safety initiative which will save lives in the event of a major disaster (such as an earthquake, tsunami, flood or major windstorm).

It is therefore recommended that the City of Victoria write to the Government of British Columbia advocating for inclusion of strata corporations in disaster planning, preparation and response as part of the provincial government's review of the *Emergency Program Act*.

A draft letter is attached for consideration by the Mayor and Council.

**Recommendation:**

That Council request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Solicitor General of British Columbia, copying the Premier and the Minister responsible for housing, supporting strata corporation participation in disaster planning, preparation and response.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt

**Attachments:**

1. Draft letter from Mayor Helps to Minister Farnsworth