



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 29, 2022**

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** September 22, 2022
From: Councillor Sarah Potts and Councillor Ben Isitt
Subject: Endorsement of Victoria Declaration on Housing and Support Services

BACKGROUND

The Victoria Declaration on Governance in Housing and Support Services was co-created in a consensus-based process in 2018 and 2019, involving more than 50 community members, about half of whom are Indigenous and half of whom have lived experience of homelessness.

The Victoria Declaration has been endorsed by organizations including the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness, Greater Victoria Acting Together and Neighbourhood Solidarity with Unhoused Neighbours. The process that culminated in creation of the Declaration was supported by the Indigenous Law Research Unit at the University of Victoria and the University of Alberta's Home in the City Project.

The Declaration is an aspirational document, articulating principles for equitable and collaborative governance of housing and support services in Greater Victoria. It provides a baseline for expectations regarding service delivery. And it depends on people continuing to work towards the commitments.

It is recommended that the City of Victoria endorse the Victoria Declaration and share it with other local governments in the Capital Region, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the Victoria Declaration on Governance in Housing and Support Services.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Sarah Potts

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

Councillor Isitt

Attachments:

1. Victoria Declaration on Governance in Housing and Support Services