



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 5th, 2024**

(time sensitive)

To: Committee of the Whole

Date: August 22nd, 2024

From: Councillor Gardiner

Subject: Update on the Mayor's Community Safety and Wellbeing Initiative

BACKGROUND

While Council has supported Mayor Alto in proceeding with her "Community Safety and Wellbeing Initiative" project, and staff have been heavily involved, Council has not been involved in a way beyond opportunities offered to the general public (a public survey and 5 pop-up events in Fernwood, Fairfield, VicWest and 2 downtown) and receiving verbal reports on March 8, 2024 and August 1, 2024.

During the August 1st, 2024, Committee of the Whole, Mayor Alto committed to providing information regarding the composition of the groups chosen to work with the Mayor or to receive special consideration.

To provide assurance, and enhance credibility of the findings of the initiative, the public needs to feel confident that those participating in select dialogues represent the public interest of the taxpayers of Victoria, both residents and business owners. The questions asked on August 1st speak to the public representation within the select groups.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Mayor Alto provide, as committed, the following information at the September 12th, 2024 COTW:

- 1) Community Leaders Panel:** The names of Panel members has been made public, but not the residency of members.
 - a) What proportion, or how many members, of the Community Leader's Panel live in the City of Victoria?
- 2) Systemic Change Survey:** 136 completed the Panel's "closed invitation only survey".
 - a) A list of the select participants? And their associations?
 - b) What proportion, or how many of the select participants, live in the City of Victoria?
- 3) Facilitated Dialogues:** 20 sessions with 160 participants were held.
 - a) Which community groups were invited to participate?
 - b) What proportion, or how many of the select participants, live in the City of Victoria?
- 4) That this motion be forwarded to the September 5th, 2024, daytime Council meeting for consideration.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "C. Gardiner".

Councillor Gardiner