



Council Member Motion

for the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting of Thursday, May 21st, 2015

Date: May 21st, 2015 **From:** Councillors Loveday, Madoff & Thornton-Joe
Subject: Presumptive Clause for First Responders

WHEREAS many First Responders have been affected by a Mental Health Injury "PTSD" Post Traumatic Stress Disorder;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to change the WorkSafe BC language to include a presumptive clause, as it is possible that within a first responder's duties they will encounter horrific acts, and develop a mental health injury;

AND WHEREAS it is imperative that a two month WorkSafe BC deadline be implemented to make a decision regarding a Mental Health Injury Claim based on one psychologist and/or psychiatrist report and immediate benefits;

AND WHEREAS it is paramount that The Presumptive Clause and changes be added to the Workers Compensation Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Victoria City Council affirms its support for the proposed Presumptive Clause and changes to the Workers Compensation Act that will allow for First Responders to receive the support and treatment that they need for Mental Health Injuries sustained on the job.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Victoria send a letter to Premier Christy Clark stating support for the proposed Presumptive Clause and changes to the Worker's Compensation Act and asking the Provincial Government to take action to make these changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Loveday

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amela Madoff".

Councillor Madoff

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Councillor Thornton-Joe