



## Council Member Motion

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 8, 2018

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** February 6, 2018  
**From:** Councillors Isitt & Madoff  
**Subject:** Resolution: Advocacy for Review of Board of Variance Process

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2018 annual meetings of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), and direct staff to forward electronic copies of the resolution to local governments belonging to the AVICC and UBCM, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Advocacy for Review of Board of Variance Process

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* requires local governments to appoint Boards of Variance that are empowered to consider minor variances where a person alleges that complying with a bylaw respecting the siting, size or dimensions of a building would cause them hardship;

AND WHEREAS deliberations of local Boards of Variance provide minimal opportunities for public comment on the requested variances, and provide no role for comment from the elected council of a municipality or the board of a regional district in unincorporated areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the provincial government review the current provisions in the *Local Government Act* relating to Boards of Variance and consider amendments to ensure that the interests of public accountability, transparency, and local democracy are upheld.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Councillor Isitt

  
Councillor Madoff