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Mayor and Council
City of Victoria
No.1 Centennial Square
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20 January 2016

Re: Improving Equity in Support for Neighborhoods

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Board of the Victoria Downtown Residents' Association supports the request for an opportunity to engage the City to discuss options for community meeting space, including discussions around funding and budgeting. We find the motion in front of the Governance and Priorities Committee, and eventually Council, timely, as we have been discussing opportunities to expand the capacity of the Downtown Residents' Association. An appropriate, accessible gathering space may prove to be an essential piece of the achieving this goal.

With no set space, the DRA has struggled to host committee and board meetings, presentations and other gatherings essential to DRA business over the past few years. For example, we have held our monthly board meetings in five separate locations over the past two years due to limited available and appropriate (size and price) space in the downtown. The Downtown Residents Association would welcome the opportunity to meet with City staff around planning for DRA operational space.

Sincerely,

Kaela Schramm and Nicholas Harrington
Co-Chairs
Downtown Residents Association