

## Council Member Motion Council Meeting of January 28, 2016

Date: January 22, 2016

From: Mayor Helps

Subject: Letter to CRD Mayors Regarding Parks Regulation Bylaws - Camping in Parks

## Background:

Council passed the following motion at the November 12, 2015 meeting:

"That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Mayors of those CRD municipalities that continue to prohibit camping in parks by the homeless, requesting them to amend their bylaws to effect existing court decisions, and that a similar letter be written to the Chair of the CRD, as an interim measure, prior to the provision of longer term housing with supports".

Subsequent to Council's motion the Capital Regional District Board has approved the borrowing of \$30,000,000 to fund housing projects in the region. In view of this new information, I suggest that Council revisit the motion that was passed to recognize the significant financial contribution the region is making toward this issue. For your consideration I propose the following motion below:

## Motion:

That in view of the Capital Regional District Board's unanimous approval for providing \$30,000,000 for funding Housing Projects in the Region, Council's November 12, 2015 motion to write to regional Mayors and the CRD be replaced with:

That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Mayors of all CRD municipalities and the Electoral Area Directors to acknowledge with appreciation, the unanimous approval of the significant funding approval for Housing with supports in the Region approved by the Capital Regional District Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Lisa Helps