

**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
**2020 JUNE 08**

**Post-COVID Homelessness**

WHEREAS our society has been plagued by homelessness and a lack of support systems for those affected by addictions and mental illness for generations; and

WHEREAS the state of homelessness in our region has only worsened over the course of decades and throughout multiple Provincial and Federal Governments; and

WHEREAS an inevitable economic rebuild is a good opportunity to make positive upgrades to our society;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council considers a return to the “normal” state of homelessness in our region, province, and nation after the COVID emergency fundamentally unacceptable; and

THAT Council call on the Government of Canada, and the Government of BC to use the post-COVID recovery as an opportunity to “upgrade” our society by addressing systemic housing insecurity issues related to mental health, poverty and addiction – with the shared goal of safe and accessible housing for all; and

THAT Council supports a return to large-scale supportive housing arrangements for people living with a mental illness, such as a revived facility at Riverview.

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