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From: Barb Desjardins
Sent: March-06-19 11:58 AM
To: Anja Nurvo
Subject: Fwd: Funding for Restorative Justice Victoria Services to Esquimalt

Please add to next agenda or within budget if more appropriate
Thanks

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Gillian Lindquist <gillian@rjvictoria.com>
Date: March 6, 2019 at 11:47:13 AM PST
To: "mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca" <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Funding for Restorative Justice Victoria Services to Esquimalt

Hello Esquimalt Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you in relation to a recent development with Restorative Justice Victoria's funding through the VicPD budget. We were informed by Chief Del Manak on February 22, 2019, that our funding from VicPD was cut in full (\$40,000). Their stated reason was Victoria not approving their requested budget increase. This funding through the police budget made up almost half of our core funding, and without it, we would have to go down to one fulltime position (currently we have funding for two) and possibly shut down our operations entirely, as it's not viable to sustain our operations on one position. Due to this, we quickly engaged with Victoria Mayor and Council to request that the funding come directly from the city. At the last council meeting (February 28), Victoria Mayor and Council passed a motion to fund Victoria's portion of the \$40,000 directly through the municipal budget. However, they have requested that we be in contact with Esquimalt Mayor and Council to ask if they will contribute their portion of the \$40,000 in their 2019 budget (I was told by Victoria that amount is \$5,800).

Please get back to me at your earliest convenience regarding this matter. If you want to discuss this further, or have any questions, please be in touch.

We greatly appreciate your time and consideration regarding this important issue,

Gillian Lindquist
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