

CORRESPONDENCE DEFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 18, 2019

Main Motion:

That the email from Gillian Lindquist, Executive Director, Restorative Justice Victoria, dated March 6, 2019, Re: Funding for Restorative Justice Victoria Services to Esquimalt and the letter from Susanne Thompson, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, dated March 13, 2019, Re: City of Victoria Council Motion Regarding Restorative Justice be received and that Council approve the funding request of \$5800 by Restorative Justice Victoria Services and that this be reviewed as a continuing item in the budget.

Motion to Defer:

That discussion pertaining to the Funding Request by Restorative Justice Victoria Services be deferred until after Council has received the Victoria Police Department revised budget presentation.

Attachments:

1. Email from Gillian Lindquist, Executive Director, Restorative Justice Victoria, dated March 6, 2019, Re: Funding for Restorative Justice Victoria Services to Esquimalt
2. Letter from Susanne Thompson, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, City of Victoria, dated March 13, 2019, Re: City of Victoria Council Motion Regarding Restorative Justice

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Funding for Restorative Justice Victoria Services to Esquimalt
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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

Sent from my iPhone

Barbara Desjardins
Mayor
Tel: 1-250-883-1944

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For Information:
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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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Restorative Justice Victoria
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Laurie Hurst, CAO
Township of Esquimalt
1229 Esquimalt Road
Victoria, BC V9A 3P1

March 13, 2019

Re: City of Victoria Council Motion Regarding Restorative Justice

Dear Ms. Hurst:

City of Victoria Council passed the following motion at its February 28, 2019 Council meeting:

"That Council direct staff to work with VicPD and the Township of Esquimalt to shift the City's and the District's portion of Restorative Justice from the police budget to the City's budget for an annual grant, and have Restorative Justice report to Council on an annual basis and report back to Council as part of 2020 financial planning process on the implications of restorative justice."

The intent of this motion is to shift the funding for Restorative Justice from the Police Board's budget to the individual municipalities. The overall \$40,000 funding would remain the same, with a \$34,120 grant paid directly to Restorative Justice by the City of Victoria and \$5,880 paid by the Township of Esquimalt.

This letter is seeking Esquimalt Council's decision regarding this proposed change in process.

Yours truly,

Susanne Thompson
Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

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