

# Memo



Date: September 10, 2009  
To: Council  
From: City Manager  
Subject: End Homelessness Committee

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## RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive for information the report of the City Manager dated September 10, 2009,

AND THAT Council endorses the efforts of the End Homelessness Committee to establish a Society under the *Society Act*.

## BACKGROUND:

During the June 01, 2009 regular p.m. meeting, Council adopted the terms of reference for the "End Homelessness Committee" as a committee of Council, and directed the City Manager to explore options for staffing resources.

The members appointed to the committee determined there was a need for a full time Executive Director to work with the committee towards a strategy for, and focused implementation of, the draft End Homelessness Plan (the Plan). In consultation with the members, and in consideration of the current funds available to the Plan through private donation, BC Housing, the Regional District and the Federal Homelessness Partnership Initiative, it has been determined that the committee would benefit by forming a Society under the BC Society Act.

As a Society, the End Homelessness Committee would be able to form strategic partnerships to aid in achieving the objectives outlined in the End Homelessness Plan. Creating a society for the End Homelessness Committee would allow the organization to hire employees as required and, with charitable status, apply for funding grants through various agencies. The City will establish the relationship with the society through its Bylaws and remain informed of the Society's activities through a reporting link to Council.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO:

LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:

EXISTING POLICY:

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS:

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION:

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