

2024/04/03

TO: British Columbia Municipalities

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

RE: Support for Bill C-277 National Brain Injury Strategy

At its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, April 2, 2024 the City of Langford passed the following resolution in support of Bill C-277:

THAT Council endorse the content of, and supports, the federal private member's Bill C-277 – National Strategy on Brain Injuries Act.

AND

THAT Council requests the Mayor to write to other municipalities in BC urging them to endorse the content of, and support, the federal private member's Bill C-277 – National Strategy on Brain Injuries Act, and express that support to their local Members of Parliament, provincial MLAs, and municipal council members.

AND

THAT Council request the Mayor to write to MP Alistair MacGregor, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, federal Minister of Health Mark Holland, and Victoria MP Laurel Collins, noting the City of Langford's support for Bill C-277 – National Strategy on Brain Injuries Act.

The City is proud to provide support for this important Bill that recognizes a need to develop a national strategy to increase brain injury awareness, prevention and treatment as well as the rehabilitation and recovery of persons living with a brain injury.

The impact that these disabilities have on individuals and their families is immense and can have many additional negative effects such as mental health challenges, addictions issues, and an increased risk for homelessness or criminality. On a national scale, brain injury survivors are needing our support to make sure they are receiving proper care, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation to work towards recovery where possible.

Identification of these challenges as outlined in this Bill can begin to address issues and fill gaps within our support networks and healthcare systems to assist and improve the lives of those experiencing a brain injury and those who provide care in both traditional healthcare settings and at home. Brain injuries affect us all whether it is direct or indirect, and we have a duty as a







community to elevate and advocate for these individuals, their families, and their caregivers. The City of Langford is proud to offer its support for Bill C-277.

Sincerely,

Mayor Scott Goodmanson

City of Langford