



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: November 5, 2021  
Submitted by: Seniors Focus Committee  
Subject: Funding for Bereavement Services by the Province

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### Purpose

To present a request for Council support for funding for bereavement services by the Province.

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### Recommended Resolution

**THAT the report dated November 5, 2021 from the Seniors Focus Committee regarding Funding for Bereavement Services by the Province be received for information.**

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### Background

At the Seniors Focus Committee meeting held on November 5, 2021, Crossroads Hospice Society gave a presentation on the services they provide. The Committee noted in discussion that bereavement services are not covered under the BC Mental Health Plan, and those who are seeking grief support pay for these services privately. The following resolution was passed:

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THAT Council advocate to the Province through the UBCM to include funding for bereavement services in the BC Mental Health Plan.

### Discussion

Members of the Seniors Focus Committee discussed the importance of bereavement services for adults, young adults, and youth in the community and enquired about the reasons behind the lack of support for these services. It was also noted in discussion that the hospices in the province are trying to get funding for the grief services they offer.

### Other Option(s)

1. THAT the report dated November 5, 2021 from the Seniors Focus Committee regarding Funding for Bereavement Services by the Province be referred to staff for information.
2. THAT the report dated November 5, 2021 from the Seniors Focus Committee regarding Funding for Bereavement Services by the Province be referred to staff for action.

### Financial Implications

Further information on financial implications would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

## Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

Further information on communication and civic engagement requirements would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

## Council Strategic Plan Objectives

Supporting Funding for Bereavement Services by the Province aligns with the 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan Objective of providing local services and access to amenities for residents of all ages and abilities.

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## Report Approval Details

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