



## Statement from Mayor Helps on B.C.'s Plan for Electronic Hearings

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VICTORIA, BC — Mayor Lisa Helps issued the following statement today about B.C.'s Plan for Electronic Hearings:

"We are grateful to the Province for this direction because it means that Council will be able to consider housing applications and that much needed housing can still be built around the City.

"We know that housing options continue to be a challenge in Victoria. Many rental and affordable rental buildings are ready – or close to ready for a public hearing – and we are excited to keep things moving because everyone deserves a good home.

"This new order also ensures the public is able to directly participate in the public hearing, which is of vital importance to the City.

"Housing projects keep people working, putting money in people's pockets that they can use to support our small business community. This is a major step forward in keeping our economy moving and looking to recovery."

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