

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Action Summary**

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

**2:15 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M., MAY BEGIN EARLY  
(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT  
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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Carol Frazey  
Kaylee Galloway  
Kathy Kershner

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

**Call To Order****Roll Call**

**Present:** 6 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

**Absent:** 1 - Ben Elenbaas

**Announcements****Special Presentation**

1. [AB2023-456](#) Presentation by Planning and Development Services Department regarding affordable housing strategies

**PRESENTED**

**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2023-504](#) Resolution identifying approaches to expand broadband access in Whatcom County

**DISCUSSED**

2. [AB2023-510](#) Discussion regarding allocating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to assist Whatcom County Search and Rescue in relocation efforts

**DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED**

Motion approved that the Council consider \$1.1 million from ARPA and other funds to fund Search and Rescue efforts.

3. [AB2023-511](#) Discussion regarding the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee and related matters

**DISCUSSED**

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2023-529](#) Discussion and approval of a joint Council/Executive letter to the Port of Bellingham regarding broadband investments

**FORWARDED TO COUNCIL WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION**

**Items Added by Revision****Other Business****Adjournment**