



Council Member Motion
For the Special Council Meeting of April 11, 2018

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** April 10, 2018
From: Mayor Helps
Subject: Proposal to Cancel Committee of the Whole Meeting April 12 so Council Can Attend Funeral of Chief Andy Thomas

BACKGROUND

Chief Andy Thomas of the Esquimalt Nation passed away over the weekend after serving as chief for 47 years. A funeral service will likely be held beginning at 9:00am on April 12th. We have been advised that the ceremony will last from three to eight hours long, with various components that Council is invited to participate in.

The City is engaged in a process of reconciliation with the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations. As such I am recommending that we cancel our scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting on April 12th and move all agenda items to the meeting of April 19th. This will enable all councillors who wish to attend the funeral. If a majority of Council does not want to attend the funeral then I am satisfied to let a majority hold the meeting and the rest of us go to the funeral service.

A motion of Council is required to cancel the meeting as the yearly meeting schedule is set by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council cancel the April 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole meeting and move all agenda items to the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 19th.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Helps".

Mayor Helps