

Songhees Nation

July 31, 2018

Mayor Lisa Helps City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps, Regarding Removal of Statue

I am writing to express Songhees Nation support for the City Reconciliation Family's plan to remove the Sir John A Macdonald Statue from in front of City Hall. The statue's removal is an important step in the reconciliation process.

Our Council and our members have been moved by the efforts of Mayor and Council and the opportunity to participate in the City Reconciliation Family. The work we are doing together now, lays the foundation for generations to come.

The removal of the statue is a visible symbol of progress, of rejecting oppression and embracing a new and inclusive way to work. We look forward to carrying on this journey together.

Sincerely,

Chief Ron Sam