Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 9, 2019

To: Committee of the Whole
From: Mayor Lisa Helps
Subject: Attendance at the ICCA Conference, Heidelberg, Germany May 21-24, 2019

BACKGROUND

Mayor Helps was invited to participate in the International Conference on Climate Action (ICCA), to be held in Heidelberg on May 21-24, 2019, is jointly organized by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg and the City of Heidelberg. Senior members of national and subnational governments and high-ranking representatives of international organizations, initiatives and networks will discuss ways to improve coordination and cooperation across all levels of government in order to strengthen mitigation measures. The conference is by invitation, and there are no registration costs.

Mayor Helps will serve as a panellist on the Sustainable Consumption Panel and a participant in several other workshops, including Ambitious Climate Action Plans, Supporting Collaborative Climate Action, and Energy Transition. As part of the ICCA program, Mayor Helps will also tour local sustainability initiative sites.

Participation in this conference supports City of Victoria Strategic Objective #6: Climate Leadership and Environmental Stewardship.

The costs are as follows:

Transportation $2,227.87
Accommodation $882.06 (Approx. in Cdn. Funds)
Incidentals (taxi/bus) $300.00 (Approx.)
Carbon price $399.00 (at $150 per tonne)

Approximate total: $3,808.93

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Mayor Lisa Helps to attend the International Conference on Climate Action (ICCA2019) conference to be held in Heidelberg, Germany May 21-24, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,