



**Council Member Motion  
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 5, 2019**

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**Date:** August 14, 2019

**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt and Mayor Lisa Helps

**Subject:** Support for Geronimo Canoe Club at World Distance Outrigging Championship

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**Background:**

Council has received correspondence from the Geronimo Canoe Club requesting assistance with costs associated with the club's participation at the 2019 World Distance Outrigging Championship in Brisbane, Australia from August 5-17, 2019 (see Attachment).

The correspondence notes a contribution from the Township of Esquimalt in the amount of \$500.

City of Victoria staff have inquired with the club and determined that a portion of the estimated \$18,610 total cost for the athletes remains unfunded.

In light of the City of Victoria's strategic commitment to strengthening relations with Indigenous people and supporting expressions of Indigenous interests, as well as supporting an inclusive community and health and wellness, it is recommended that Council consider providing a one-time grant of \$1000 to assist with costs arising from the Geronimo Canoe Club's participation at the World Distance Outrigging Championship, with the contribution funded from the 2019 contingency.

**Recommendation:**

That Council authorize a contribution of \$1000 from 2019 contingency to assist with costs arising from the Geronimo Canoe Club's participation at the World Distance Outrigging Championship.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt

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

Mayor Helps

**Attachments:**

1. Letter from Geronimo Canoe Club, June 27, 2019