



## **Council Member Motion**

**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 23, 2019**

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**Date:** May 16, 2019

**From:** Lisa Helps, Mayor of Victoria

**Subject:** Support for Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues Grant Applications

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council support a \$10,000 grant application to be submitted by staff on May 24, 2019 to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Urban Communities Partnering for Reconciliation Fund to support the Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues.
2. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any agreement related to a successful grant application.

### **BACKGROUND**

The report seeks a Council resolution to support an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Urban Communities Partnering for Reconciliations Fund for \$10,000. If approved, the grant application will be submitted May 24, 2019. Council Resolution is required before the grant application deadline for UBCM to approve the application. The grant application has the support of local nations and relevant organizations.

The creation of the Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues is a 2019 action in the City's Strategic Plan (Strategic Objective #2: Reconciliation and Indigenous Relations, Action Item 1: Create the Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues). The Dialogues will also foster and contribute to the process of determining appropriate context for the Sir John A. Macdonald Statue (Strategic Objective #2: Reconciliation and Indigenous Relations, Action Item: Determine appropriate context for the Sir John A. Macdonald Statue).

If we are successful in our bid, the funds will be used to contribute to the provision of six workshops addressing reconciliation in Victoria that foster dialogue, collaboration, and learning opportunities, with an intergenerational and arts-based focus. The workshops will be held from September 2019 to July 2020, and will complement and work with existing initiatives such as the Victoria Urban Reconciliation Dialogues. Expected outputs include a collaborative art project to be completed through and after workshops with the involvement of the City's Indigenous Artist in Residence. A short video documenting the workshops will also be created and publicized.

The Mayor's Office will regularly report to council on the progress, implementation, and outcomes of the Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Helps'.

Lisa Helps, Mayor of Victoria