



Council Member Report
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 7, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** September 6, 2017
From: Councillor Alto
Subject: Q2 Witness Reconciliation Program Update

BACKGROUND

After thoughtful conversation with local First Nations, and learning from the Nations' traditions, the City has embarked on a Witness Reconciliation Program. The Program's City Family (comprised of Songhees Nation members, Esquimalt Nation members, Indigenous community members, and members of Victoria City Council) has begun a deep conversation to initiate the agile and evolving process that is working to make the culture, history, and modern reality of local Indigenous Peoples present and apparent throughout the City, and valued in our residents' everyday lives. As a City, we are committed to this work, and, in collaboration with our Indigenous partners, we continue to take the time it needs.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Councillor Alto