



**Council Member Motion**  
**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 18, 2017**

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**Date:** May 11, 2017

**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt, Councillor Jeremy Loveday and Mayor Lisa Helps

**Subject:** Earth Charter

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**Background:**

The Earth Charter ([earthcharter.org](http://earthcharter.org)) was completed in 2000 at UNESCO in Paris. The Charter was initiated by the United Nations and was carried forward and completed by a global civil society initiative, considering both local and global challenges, aiming to "guide the transition towards a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world."

Cities all over the world have adopted the Earth Charter to inform their everyday operations. Endorsing the Earth Charter can be a clear path of engagement with cities throughout the world as they move into the challenges facing the Earth community today.

The mission of Earth Charter Cities ([earthchartercities.org](http://earthchartercities.org)) aligns with many objectives in the City of Victoria's Strategic Plan and the City's Climate Action Reboot and Climate Leadership Plan currently under development. The Earth Charter provides an inspiring and hopeful vision for our community and world: "Driven by the Earth Charter, Earth Charter Cities inspires and supports people everywhere to create communities that are healthy, inclusive and sustainable. We are a collaborative movement, bringing together passionate amateurs, experts and organizations to inspire exponential improvements in key principle areas of the Earth Charter and Earth Charter Cities Manifesto."

It is therefore recommended that Council endorse the Earth Charter and Earth Charter Cities Manifesto.

**Recommendation:**

That Council endorse the Earth Charter and Earth Charter Cities Manifesto and directs staff to communicate this endorsement to the Earth Charter International Secretariat.

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Councillor Isitt

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

Councillor Loveday

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

Mayor Helps

Attachments:  
Earth Charter Cities Manifesto  
Earth Charter  
Letter from Faith In Action