



## GPC Report

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**Date:** March 21, 2014      **From:** Councillor Ben Isitt  
**Subject:** Motion of support for Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation

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WHEREAS the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation has requested that the City of Victoria support its request for a moratorium on mining activity within its territories, so as to allow for implementation of its Land Use Plan and the pursuit of economic, ecological and social priorities;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has issued expanded mining exploration permits to Imperial Metals for drill sites within the Tranquil Creek watershed, notwithstanding the lack of consent from the First Nation Government;

AND WHEREAS the City of Victoria has been a leader among local governments in British Columbia in forging respectful relationships with indigenous people and First Nations governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Victoria supports the request of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation for a moratorium on mining activity within its territories, so as to allow for implementation of its Land Use Plan and the pursuit of economic, ecological and social priorities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Mayor to write to the Premier and Minister of Energy and Mines requesting that a moratorium on mining activity in Tla-o-qui-aht territories be introduced.

Respectfully submitted

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

Ben Isitt  
Councillor