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THE CITY OF VICTORIA



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August 11, 2017

Dear Mayor Desjardins,

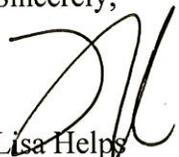
I am writing to you today on behalf of Victoria City Council to inform you of the innovative We Speak Translate project. This collaboration between Google Translate and the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria utilizes the Google Translate app to assist refugee resettlement and newcomer inclusion in communities.

The project involves training community stakeholders, organizations and institutions in the Google Translate app. Completion of the 40-minute training sessions indicates a commitment to inclusion, diversity and cross-cultural communication. Familiarity with the Google Translate app establishes a common platform for communication while newcomers develop their English language skills.

This exciting project aligns well with the goals and vision we have for our community, and reflects the imagination and innovation that characterizes Victoria as an inclusive capital. It supports the City of Victoria's Strategic Plan by facilitating social inclusion and community wellness, a key objective of the plan.

Please contact Kate Longpre at the Intercultural Association to learn more: [klongpre@icavictoria.org](mailto:klongpre@icavictoria.org). We strongly endorse the We Speak Translate project and recommend that our CRD partner municipalities do the same.

Sincerely,

  
Lisa Helps  
Victoria Mayor

