



December 6, 2019

Regarding: Fundraising support letters from the Texada Island Chamber of Commerce for the Tla'amin Longhouse at Shelter Point & Progress Update

To Sandy, Mike, and Regan, Qathet Regional District:

On behalf of the Texada Island Chamber of Commerce, I'm asking if you would like us to write any letters of support for any grant opportunities that you may be pursuing for the Tla'amin Longhouse at Shelter Point Regional Park.

I was in the federal government granting business for almost ten years, myself, so I'm aware that there just may not have been any pertinent grand deadlines to date. Please let me know if there are any upcoming grants that our Chamber could provide a letter of support for, regarding this important project.

When we approached the qRD about reviving the Tla'amin longhouse build idea at Shelter Point, we gathered letters of support from Texada, Arts, Culture and Tourism, Sunshine Coast Tourism, from MLA Nicholas Simons, and we acquired support in principle from the Texada Island Heritage Society. These may also be avenues to acquire new letters of support to strengthen your grant requests.

If you don't mind sharing some news about this, how is the project progressing? The Chamber is interested in this as it was one of the economic development goals that Tla'amin expressed to us in Texada's Economic Development Action Plan outreach to them. Our directors voted this project as the first priority to pursue under the Plan so we are keen to do whatever we can to assist in its progress.

Thank you,

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