

# TEXADA ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 30, 2017

Dear President, Texada Arts Culture and Tourism,

This letter indicates Texada Island Chamber of Commerce support for the Texada Arts Culture and Tourism (TACT) application for funding to the British Columbia Community Gaming Grant.

TACT is a tier one important organization on our island. The Chamber is greatly aware of the many ways that the arts and cultural events, as well as member artists, contribute to the vibrant offerings for locals and for tourists. Your activities contribute significantly to increasing the positive impacts on our economy.

Events run by TACT are unquestionably primary tourism engines that bring many people to Texada. The importance of their financial spending should not be underestimated. While here, these visitors often support the various businesses we have, such as the gas station, main stores, restaurants and cafes, B&B lodgings, camping sites, farmers at our winter & summer markets, as well as individual artist entrepreneurs.

Should you be successful in being awarded the Gaming Grant funds you are applying for, I'm aware that TACT will use those funds to expand the goals of the various festivals, marathon, and other cultural activities organized under your banner. I applaud this. Let's continue to work closely together to see how we can further improve linking visitors to your events with our Texada Island businesses and entrepreneurs.

Sincerely,

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