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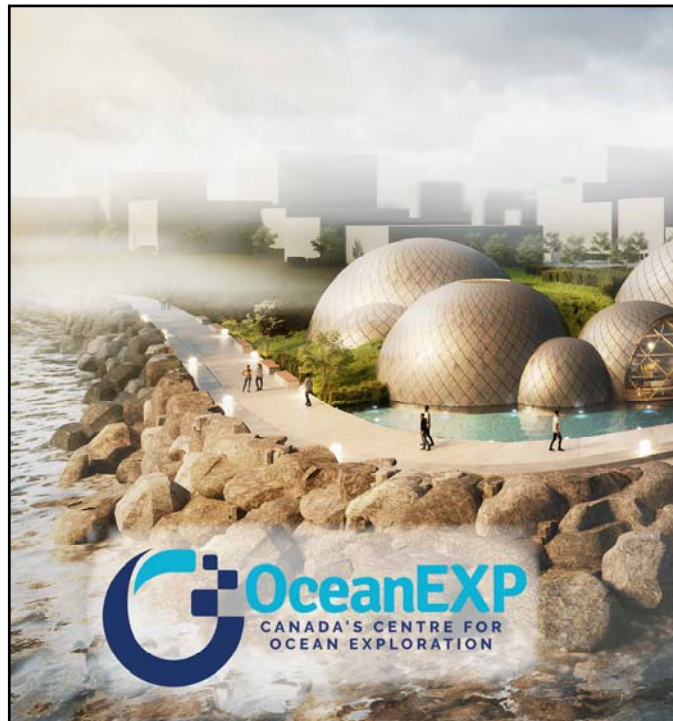
OceanEXP, Canada's Centre for Ocean Exploration - Updates

1. NDDA Board of Directors review with primary focus on the 2019 MNP Feasibility Study, the creation of the Stakeholder Analysis Report and Proof of Concept document.
2. Snuneymwxw First Nation Executive Economic Council presentation. SFN Chief Wyse provided support; "This initiative is an opportunity to continue to champion reconciliation on issues as important as ocean sustainability, education and economic development".
3. Meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. It was indicated the project had merit and deserved the Minister's attention. April 2020 meeting with Minister Wilkinson delayed due to Covid shut down.
4. Received support from Sheila Malcolmson, MLA for Nanaimo. "I'd love to stand with you on this great proposal".
5. Received support from the Nanaimo Regional School District Board of Trustees, endorsing the opportunity to have OceanEXP, built in Nanaimo.
6. Commissioned a Royal Roads University graduate research study using qualitative methodologies to measure the economic value from a phenomenological perspective.
7. Commissioned the development of a world-class YouTube promotional video featuring OceanEXP, Canada's Centre for Ocean Exploration and Nanaimo.
8. Established strategic alliances with Royal Canadian Geographical Society ambassadors, identifying the potential to develop partnerships as a regional learning organization connected with the Society.
9. Identified several private funding entities with missions that reflect the essence OceanEXP, Canada's Centre for Ocean Exploration.

The support and of City Council, together with the support of Snuneymwxw First Nation, the Province of British Columbia and the Nanaimo community is essential to the OceanEXP, Canada's Centre for Ocean Exploration remaining in Nanaimo.

NDDA Board of Directors

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April 29, 2020

Attention Tim Tessier

Re: SFN letter of support for OceanEXP, Canada's Centre for Ocean Exploration

Dear Tim,

On March 5, 2020 the Nanaimo Deep Discovery Association provided an update to our community on their efforts to establish a world-class centre dedicated to ocean discovery. We appreciate their efforts and recognize the NDDA request for Snuneymuxw First Nation support to establish OceanEXP – Canada's Centre for Ocean Exploration in Nanaimo.

We acknowledge the OceanEXP project as an initiative that celebrates the rich cultural heritage of our area, while preserving our ocean ecology and ensuring a sustainable environment for future generations. The economic rewards, educational opportunities and positive ecological impact are immeasurable.

The Snuneymuxw First Nation supports the NDDA's vision to create **OceanEXP – Canada's Centre for Ocean Exploration** and endorse the concept of developing a centre for ocean discovery in the Nanaimo Community.

We look forward to collaborating with the NDDA and recognize that this initiative is an opportunity to continue to champion reconciliation by collaborating together on issues as important as ocean sustainability, education and economic development.

Kind Regards,

Chief Michael Wyse, Xum'silum

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Letter from the Board of Education
July 6, 2020

Attention: Tim Tessier

Re: Letter of support for OceanEXP, Canada's Centre for Ocean Exploration

Dear Tim:

The Board of Education unanimously agreed to draft this letter of support for OceanEXP – Canada's Centre for Ocean Exploration to create a unique opportunity that will provide people that live and visit our community the chance to explore beneath the surface of the ocean. The organization's vision to leave a legacy of ecological sustainability aligns directly with Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' goal to be a leader in environment stewardship and sustainability.

The district is prepared to support your goal in establishing a facility in which Canada has not yet seen. OceanEXP is not only groundbreaking, but will also highlight the strides that Canadians have made in ocean exploration science by showcasing their important work in a venue that respects our local aquatic environment.

Not only will the centre provide economic stimulus for Nanaimo, it will provide our students a unique learning opportunity for years to come.


Please accept this letter as an endorsement for the creation of the OceanEXP concept of developing a centre for ocean discovery in the Nanaimo Community.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair

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February 10, 2019


Canadian Center for Ocean Exploration
Board of Directors

Dear Members of the Board,


It was wonderful meeting with you recently regarding your vision for the Canadian Center for Ocean Exploration and I wanted to offer a heartfelt endorsement for your efforts. Your plans for the center will not only highlight the groundbreaking efforts of Canadians in ocean exploration science but will offer an important venue to showcase future technologies that enhance our understanding of the undersea world. Bringing light to conservation, management and exploration issues in a fun and engaging way will help build consensus for tackling important environmental issues.

I believe that the Canadian Center for Ocean Exploration will create an important regional hub that will encourage visitors to enjoy and experience the wild Canadian landscapes and opportunities just outside the facility's doors. In this way, the center can lift an entire region to embrace their important role in eco- and educational tourism—perhaps the best economic engine for the future.

I look forward to helping in your efforts as you move forward with your grand vision and wish you the best in fundraising efforts ahead.

Sincerely,


Jill Heinerth
*Explorer in Residence, Royal Canadian Geographical Society
Underwater Photographer, Author and Inspirational Speaker*



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Motion for consideration and discussion:

Council will endorse the OceanEXP Vision - to create a unique opportunity for people to explore beneath the surface of the oceans empowering them to leave a legacy of ecological sustainability.

Endorse the concept of developing a centre for ocean discovery in the Nanaimo Community and recognize the OceanEXP project as a unique and positive endeavour for the community and consistent with its strategic priorities and consistent with the city's 'Vision' to be a community that is livable, environmentally sustainable and full of opportunity for all generations and walks of life.

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