



Innovative Young Indigenous Leaders Symposium  
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City of Nanaimo  
Mayor and Council  
455 Wallace Street  
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June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are reaching out to you with hope that you will support the Innovative Young Indigenous Leaders Symposium, to be hosted on Snuneymuxw territory from June 28th - July 1st 2019. This symposium unifies young Indigenous leaders from across BC who are doing culturally grounded work and envisioning strong and healthy futures for their communities. We have prioritized Snuneymuxw and Snaw-Na-As attendance and participation. We are reaching out to you about this event because it aligns with many of the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP.

The Innovative Young Indigenous Leaders Symposium (IYILS) is an Indigenous-led project of Tides Canada, a national charity dedicated to a healthy environment and social equity. IYILS does not-for-profit work to ensure safe and healthy futures for Indigenous peoples by providing educational workshops to public and private organizations, organizing community events, hosting resilience-focused art projects, and offering biennial symposiums for young Indigenous leaders to network and collaborate.

We propose that Mayor and Council support this work by funding a lunch for the symposium. The cost of lunch for 60 participants and volunteers is \$1319.18.

T'oooyaxs'y 'nisim (we thank you all),

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