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Dear Siem:

As the Snuneymuxw First Nation Chief, I am requesting your support for Snuneymuxw First Nation's up-coming cultural event – Tribal Journeys 2020.

We are humbled and honored to say that in the summer of 2020 our Nation is hosting this remarkable event. Tribal Journey is an annual event for Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast since 1989. The event includes over 100 traditional cedar canoes paddling from their respective home community to the host community of the particular year. We are preparing to host canoes from all over Washington State, the coast of British Columbia. Many will paddle over 150 miles to reach our traditional territory. When here, they all will be treated as honoured guests, we will provide campgrounds, meals for five days and nonstop cultural celebrations.

More specifically, we are requesting a financial contribution to the event in the amount of \$50,000, that if approved could be processed over two fiscal years, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021. Could you please identify the ideal process to make this request through the appropriate mechanism?

If you require additional information, please contact Regan Seward at 250-740-2344 or email regans@snuneymuxw.ca. He will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you in advance for your support.

Respectfully,

Chief Mike Wyse
Snuneymuxw First Nation

c.c. Dale Lindsay, Director of Community Development