

## ATTACHMENT A

Canadian Mental Health Association – Mid Island  
437 Wesley Street  
Nanaimo, BC V9R 2T8

To whom it may concern;

On behalf of Council for the City of Nanaimo, we are very pleased to provide our strong support for the Nanaimo Region Foundry BC Steering Committee's (NFSC) application to create a Foundry BC site in Nanaimo. A number of youth in Nanaimo display significant risk factors associated with poverty, drugs, alcohol, impacts of trauma and other mental wellness issues. A Foundry centre will provide a much needed and accessible service centre to better support youth having better outcomes as adults.

The proposed program will provide a valuable social service centre within a single location to support the needs of Nanaimo's youth. The Foundry centre will help reach and support young people at a time when they are most vulnerable to developing mental health challenges. Providing mental and physical health supports for local youth will support youth in transitioning into becoming resilient, healthy and productive residents. The Foundry BC program and the work of the NFSC supports the City's Strategic Plan which encourages Nanaimo to continue to be "a City in which all people live, work, play, create and learn in a safe and connected community."

The City of Nanaimo considers this holistic type of programming concept a key part of preventing lifelong struggles with poverty, substance use and homelessness. We look forward to hearing news that NFSC's application is successful.

Sincerely,

Leonard Krog  
Mayor