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To: Nanaimo Mayor and Council

**Re: Nanaimo & Area Land Trust funding**

Dear Mayor Krog and Nanaimo City Council,

Since 1995, the Nanaimo & Area Land Trust (NALT) has worked to fulfil its mission – *to support, promote and protect the natural values of land and water in our area*. We celebrate our successes achieved with the support of our partners, members, volunteers and other supporters. Following the acquisition of the land that is now the Cottle Lake Park, of which NALT raised \$500,000 towards the purchase price, The City of Nanaimo began to provide annual funding to NALT. The funding allows some certainty to NALT to be able to sustain existing programs and plan additional initiatives.

Originally the funding was matched to Regional District of Nanaimo grant funds to provide a level of financial stability for NALT. However, whereas the funding received from the RDN has risen over the years to \$35,000 in annual support, the city funding has remained at \$30,000, the same level of funding since 2005. As in all aspects of life, the cost of NALT operations has not remained static over the years, indeed the cost of stewardship and mentorship and the capacity related to these twin initiatives have increased substantially.

NALT is requesting that the funding from the City of Nanaimo be increased to \$35,000 in 2020 to regain parity with RDN funding.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nina Evans-Locke  
Co-Chair, NALT Board of Directors

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