



**NANAIMO
ABORIGINAL
CENTRE**

June 29, 2021

Dear Julie Bevan, Manager of Culture & Events, City of Nanaimo:

This letter confirms our collaboration with the City of Nanaimo, Snuneymuxw First Nation, and artist Noel Brown, towards the creation of a Welcome Pole at Swy-A-Lana / Maffeo Sutton Park.

Having begun discussions about this project in 2018, and sought input from Snuneymuxw Elders and leadership, we look forward to seeing the pole installed in the park in 2021. The time is right for such an important undertaking. This project is intended to honour Snuneymuxw territory, and also communicate a sense of belonging and pride of place for Indigenous people who come from all Nations, including urban Indigenous, Inuit and Metis.

Towards this goal, Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre has secured in-kind contributions from Mosaic Forest Management and from Herold Engineering. We have also secured a grant from Canadian Heritage in the amount of \$38,500, bringing Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre's total financial contribution to the project to \$51,000.

We look forward to celebrating together when the Welcome Pole is raised in the park.

In Friendship,

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