

ATTACHMENT A



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City of Nanaimo
455 Wallace Street
Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5J6

Attention: Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services

Dear Mr. Lindsay,

Re: School Site Acquisition Charge

I write on behalf of Nanaimo-Ladysmith public schools. Further to our letter of June 17, 2021, in which we indicated that the Board of Education was contemplating the institution of a School Site Acquisition Charge (“SSAC”). We have now completed our enrollment projections and anticipated future school site needs.

On October 27, 2021, the Board passed a resolution to institute the charge. Following the requirements of legislation, we look forward to any comments or questions from you or your Council. In the event that you would like District staff to attend a Council meeting, we would be happy to arrange attendance at your convenience. In addition, we would also be available to meet with stakeholder groups to explain the SSAC and the reasoning behind it.

Following the 60 days consultation period, or if you respond that you accept the charge prior to the completion of that period, we anticipate the Board would pass a by-law to formalize the SSAC. We would also note that the intention of the Board is to request that the City of Nanaimo apply the SSAC to developments that create at least 2 additional doors in the community. We note that the Board can institute the charges (subject to the dispute mechanism in legislation) on developments of 4 doors or more but the local jurisdiction has the discretion to apply to charge to the lower number. Given that infill creating at least two doors but less than four is likely to have single family dwellings, a housing type that creates a high number of school age children, the Board feels that the charge is appropriate in the circumstances.

We look forward to discussing this further and appreciate the work you do in growing our communities to welcome so many new families in the next decade.

Yours truly,

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Secretary-Treasurer

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