



June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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 funders. Following the acquisition of the land that now comprises Cottle Lake Park in the Linley Valley, 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.

NALT appreciates not only the financial support we receive from the city but also the collaborative relationship with city staff. We do better together.

Originally the funding was matched to Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) grant funds to provide a level of financial stability for NALT. However, whereas the funding from the RDN received from the RDN has risen to \$40,000, the City's funding has remained at \$35,000. As in all aspects of life, the cost of NALT operations has increased substantially.

The funding received from the City of Nanaimo is integral to our ongoing commitment to our community. NALT is requesting that the funding from the City be increased to \$40,000 in 2023 to regain parity with the RDN.

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

Sincerely,

Dean Gaudry, NALT Co-Chair

Nina Locke, NALT Co-Chair