

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

BC Newcomer Services Program  
Government of British Columbia

To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: Letter of Support for Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society (CVIMS)**

The City of Nanaimo would like to express our strong support for the Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society's proposal to the British Columbia Newcomer Services Program (BCNSP). We believe that the work that CVIMS do is of utmost importance, and their proposal aligns closely with our city's commitment to creating an inclusive and welcoming community for newcomers.

The City of Nanaimo is dedicated to fostering a diverse and vibrant community where all residents, regardless of their background, have the opportunity to thrive and contribute to our city's growth. We understand the challenges that newcomers face when transitioning to a new environment, and we appreciate the crucial role that CVIMS plays in assisting them in this journey.

CVIMS's proposal to the BCNSP reflects the organization's dedication to supporting newcomers and facilitating their integration into our community. It demonstrates their commitment to providing essential services such as language assistance, cultural orientation, and settlement services that are instrumental in helping newcomers establish their lives in Nanaimo successfully.

CVIMS's long-standing presence and expertise in Central Vancouver Island are well-recognized, and their continuous efforts to promote diversity, inclusion, and enrichment for newcomers have had a significant impact on our city. We have witnessed the positive effects of their programs and services on the lives of newcomers and the broader community.

In conclusion, please consider this letter as a formal endorsement of CVIMS's proposal to the British Columbia Newcomer Services Program for Central Vancouver Island. The City of Nanaimo is eager to support CVIMS's efforts to make our city an even more welcoming and inclusive place for newcomers. If there is any way we can further assist in the pursuit of your proposal or collaborate in this endeavor, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Leonard Krog  
Mayor, City of Nanaimo