

ATTACHMENT A

Connecting Communities BC (CCBC)
Ministry of Citizens' Services
Province of British Columbia

Dear Program Officer,

Re: Letter of Support – Connecting Protection Island Broadband Project

On behalf of the City of Nanaimo, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of CityWest's application to the Connecting Communities BC program to deliver high-speed fibre broadband service to Protection Island.

Protection Island is a unique and valued part of our community, located within Nanaimo Harbour and home to a vibrant residential population. Despite its proximity to the city, the island remains underserved in terms of reliable, high-speed internet infrastructure. This gap presents ongoing challenges for residents in accessing essential digital services, including remote work opportunities, online education, healthcare, and business development.

The proposed project would bring fibre-to-the-home connectivity to Protection Island, significantly improving service reliability, speed, and capacity. This investment would support inclusive economic development, enhancing quality of life for residents, and advancing digital equity across all communities within our region.

Improved broadband access will provide meaningful benefits to Protection Island residents by enabling greater participation in the digital economy, supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs, improving access to virtual health services, and ensuring students and families can fully engage in online learning. It will also strengthen the overall resilience and sustainability of the community.

The City of Nanaimo supports this application and recognizes the importance of continued collaboration between CityWest, the Province, and local stakeholders to successfully deliver this project. We encourage the Province to consider this application favourably given its strong alignment with program objectives and the clear need within the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

City of Nanaimo