

May 14, 2018

City of Nanaimo
Att: Kurtis Noble, Capital Project
Management Specialist at
Engineering and Public Works Nanaimo

The Harewood Neighbourhood Association is in support of Phase 1 of the Georgia Greenway Project.* The proposed bike trail was first proposed in the Harewood Neighbourhood Plan, which was developed with the involvement of numerous Harewood residents and approved by Nanaimo City Council five years ago. The Greenway Project is also supported by the Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan.

In various surveys and interviews undertaken by the City of Nanaimo, many residents have indicated they would consider cycling more if the quality of the cycling routes were improved. Developing a safe, comfortable and convenient bike transportation route may well encourage more people to consider using bicycles not only for recreation, but as a means to getting to work, to school, to shops, etc.

*(The Georgia Greenway-Phase 1 is a multi-purpose trail in the works for Harewood Centennial Park (between 6th and 7th street along the park/John Barsby school border).

Heather Campbell, President
Harewood Neighbourhood Association



From the Office of the Superintendent/CEO

May 17, 2018

City of Nanaimo
455 Wallace Street
Nanaimo, BC
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Attention: Kurtis Noble

Dear Sirs:

Re: Georgia Greenway

As Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' Superintendent/CEO I am writing this letter to demonstrate my support of the City of Nanaimo's plan for the Georgia Greenway, the proposed pedestrian and cycling friendly route through Harewood.

Our district reaches from Lantzville in the north and Ladysmith in the south. However, it's the City of Nanaimo that makes up the majority of our region. Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (NLPS) is a diverse Learning community and I fully endorse the improvement of land and areas in the community that supports our community of learners.

NLPS is home to almost 14,000 students with approximately 2,000 employees. Our staff, students and their families will greatly benefit accessing the many points of interest as well as historical events throughout a city that is already full of rich heritage. Areas such as Nanaimo's Harewood area and green space are valuable educational opportunities for our students. Community's safe and easy access to school continues to be a focus of NLPS as well.

NLPS has seen an increase in its student population and projects a steady incline in the coming years. It is no doubt that our staff, students and families will benefit greatly with continuous improvements creating safe access to schools and community entities.

I strongly encourage and support the many learning and community projects planned by the City of Nanaimo.

Sincerely,

John Blain
Superintendent/CEO
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