

File: 400-01

November 29, 2019

Chair and Directors
Committee of the Whole

Re: Kumugwe Cultural Society Legacy Project – Letter of Support

In their letter, dated November 26, 2019 (attached), the Kumugwe Cultural Society has advised of their pending application to the Canada Council of the Arts for funding for Malkwalatlan's: A Legacy Project Honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirited.

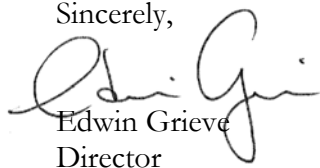
The project seeks to design, carve and erect a 20 foot totem pole within the Comox Valley to honour missing and murdered indigenous women, girls and two spirited.

As strong cultural advocates within the Comox Valley, the Kumugwe Cultural Society have demonstrated tremendous success in bringing forward numerous exhibits and events to raise the profile of important issues in our community and abroad. In this regard, this project is no exception given the disproportionate level of violence indigenous women and girls face.

As the Electoral Area Director for Electoral Area 'C', I respectfully request your consideration of the following:

THAT the Comox Valley Regional District Board provide a letter of support to the Kumugwe Cultural Society for their application to the Canada Council of the Arts for funding for Malkwalatlan's: A Legacy Project Honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirited.

Sincerely,



Edwin Grieve
Director

Enclosure: 20191126 Kumugwe Cultural Society Support Request for Red Dress Legacy



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Gilakas'la Edwin,

The Kumugwe Cultural Society is applying to the Canada Council of the Arts for funding for Malkwalatlan's: A Legacy Project Honouring MMIWG2S and would like to request a letter of support.

The goal of Malkwalatlan's: A Legacy Project Honouring MMIWG2S is to design, carve and erect a 20- ft totem pole honouring the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirited which will be placed in the Comox Valley in 2020.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirited are not just an Indigenous concern, all Canadians need to recognize and be aware of this injustice and be educated on the threat that many of our Indigenous women face daily.

We hope the Comox Valley Regional District will join us as we continue today to honour and remember those women, girls and two spirited with our proposed legacy project.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our project. If further information is required, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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