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Via email: taraw@snuneymuxw.ca

Chief and Council
Snuneymux'w First Nation
668 Centre Street
Nanaimo, BC V9R 4Z4

Re: C2C (Community to Community) Forum Invitation

Dear Chief and Council:

The Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee would like to invite Snuneymux'w Chief and Council to participate in a C2C (Community to Community) Forum. The C2C Forum would be an opportunity for Gabriola trustees (and possibly some key staff) to better understand the Snuneymux'w connections to Gabriola Island and surrounding lands and waters, and your priorities for this place. In turn, we would be able to share with you some of the activities we are involved with here and welcome your input and perspective on these activities.

In anticipation of your positive response, we would aim to hold the C2C Forum this fall. Acknowledging the pressures on Chief and Council, the meeting can be held in a location that is most convenient for you – whether that be at the Snuneymux'w Administration Office in Nanaimo, on Gabriola Island or in another location. If travel for any participants is required, this would be reimbursed by the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee, with funding support from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

Islands Trust staff would also like to work with Snuneymux'w to develop an agenda for the C2C Forum that supports respectful dialogue. With this in mind, we have a number of questions:

- How many people would Snuneymux'w like to have in attendance?
- Is there a Snuneymux'w elder or leader who would be able to open the meeting with a cultural welcome and an acknowledgement of Territory?
- Are there any particular topics that Snuneymux'w would like to discuss or information that you would like to share? and
- Who at Snuneymux'w can Islands Trust staff work with to develop an agenda?

*Preserving **Island** communities, culture and environment*

Bowen Denman Hornby Gabriola Galiano Gambier Lasqueti Mayne North Pender Salt Spring Saturna South Pender Thetis

We appreciate your patience as we learn to understand, identify and protect the historical and current interests of Snuneymux'w First Nation on Gabriola Island and surrounding lands and waters. It is our hope that this will be a good first step in fostering a genuine and mutually respectful relationship.

Respectfully,



Laura Busheikin, Chair
Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee

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*N.B. In order to secure funding from UBCM, Islands Trust requires written confirmation that Snuneymux'w Chief and Council are interested in participating in the C2C Forum. Please provide written confirmation via email to **Ann Kjerulf** at akjerulf@islandstrust.bc.ca or by mail to:*

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