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*May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

Town of Lake Cowichan  
39 South Shore Road  
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LAKE COWICHAN BC V0R 2G0

Dear Mayor and Council:

**Re: Ts'uubaa-asatx Interim Treaty Agreement Lands**

Ts'uubaa-asatx (Lake Cowichan First Nation) is one of five member Nations of the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group. We are currently negotiating a treaty with British Columbia and Canada under the BC Treaty Process. As part of this process, the parties have been discussing the proposed transfer of a 30-hectare parcel of "Crown" land within the Cowichan Valley Regional District (see attached map).

The property (DL 27) is adjacent to our current reserve, bisected by Youbou Road and is ideally situated to provide for the future expansion of our community. Ts'uubaa-asatx has undertaken extensive research and analysis over the last 10 years to determine the Crown Lands that best fit the objectives of the community. DL 27 due to its adjacency and proximity to the current IR lands was a natural fit. Additionally there is cultural importance of this site to various members (past and present) that have lived off the land since time immemorial.

Under the proposal, the Province would transfer fee simple title to DL 27 to a Ts'uubaa-asatx-owned company. Once transferred, the property would remain subject to local government bylaws for at least 10 years, unless a final treaty is concluded prior to that time and DL 27 becomes treaty settlement lands.

Demonstrated support will help strengthen the proposal and complement the Province's formal consultation process. As such, if you are in support of the proposed transfer, we

kindly request that you sign the bottom of this letter where indicated and return an electronic copy to our office c/o Aaron Hamilton, Operations Manager, at aaron@lcfn.ca with the original to follow by mail. Please return a signed copy to us by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

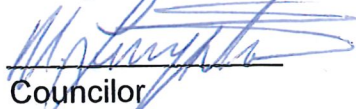
If you have any comments or questions please feel free to contact Aaron Hamilton at 250-715-7560.

Thank you for your consideration.

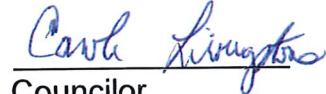
Sincerely,

  
Chief Councilor

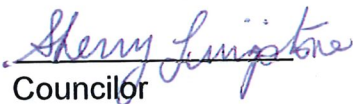
Georgina Livingstone

  
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Melanie Livingstone

  
Councilor

Carole Livingstone

  
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Sherry Livingstone

Enclosure

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I the undersigned do not object to the transfer by the Province of the fee simple title in DL 27 to a Ts'uubaa-asatx-owned company as described in this letter.

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