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Chief Jerome Thomas
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Via email: jerome@esquimaltnation.ca

Dear Chief Thomas and Council:

RE: CONGRATULATIONS ON SUCCESSFUL ELECTION

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, I wish to extend my congratulations on your successful election to serve as the governing body for x^wsepsum.

Working together with First Nations, on whose traditional territory the CRD and its member municipalities operate, is a key priority for the CRD Board. It is also the focus of a current government-to-government initiative. We are hoping to connect with Council on this initiative and discuss how we may work together to strengthen our relationship and develop a mechanism for long-term, respectful, and reciprocal engagement at both the leadership and operational levels. We would like to learn more about the priorities and interests of x^wsepsum and are open to your suggestions for how to deepen our relationship and work cooperatively with your Nation on issues related to heritage conservation, parks, wastewater servicing, the island corridor, and more. Though there is still plenty of work to do, we feel fortunate to be doing this work alongside your Nation.

Caitlyn Vernon, CRD's First Nations Relations Manager will follow-up with your office next week to discuss a possible upcoming meeting with Council.

Sincerely,

Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: Katie Hooper, Executive Director, x^wsepsum
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
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