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Squamish Nation Chiefs and Council
Squamish Nation
PO Box 86131
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Dear Chiefs and Council and Lisa Wilcox:

Re: Gambier Island Community to Community Forum Follow Up

The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) would like to thank the Squamish Nation Chiefs and Councillors who attended the Community to Community (C2C) Forum on March 31, 2016 on Gambier Island, as well as Lisa Wilcox and the Squamish staff who worked to ensure the event was a success.

We very much appreciate that you took the time to spend the day with us and share lunch with Gambier and Keats residents. We learned so much about the history and interests of the Squamish Nation, as well as the history of the islands. Your visit has spelled a real sea-change of awareness for the residents in the southwestern part of Gambier who are excited to use the Skwxwú7mesh names for Gambier Island and are hoping to invite Chiefs and Councillors and their families to future community social events.

During the morning meeting, it was suggested that the two governments should identify a few people to prioritize topics on which to work together in the coming years. The LTC is committed to following up on this idea and has requested that Island Planner, Aleksandra Brzozowski, coordinate with Squamish Nation staff. Lisa has already responded and we look forward to meeting this summer.

The LTC is also committed to engaging with the Squamish Nation as discussed regarding the upcoming Gambier Island Official Community Plan review. To that end, we also wish to invite Squamish Nation Council and staff to co-host a community meeting in the coming months to engage directly with Gambier residents. This could either happen on Gambier Island coinciding with the August 25, 2016 regular LTC meeting, or on the North Shore at another time if that is more convenient.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Susan Morrison
Chair, Gambier Island Local Trust Committee

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