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Dear Chief-Elect Michael Wyse, Acting Chief Doug White II, and Councillor Chris Good,

We would like to congratulate you on the results of your recent election and invite you to have lunch with the three elected trustees representing the Gabriola Island Local Trust Area. Our staff met with Chris Good and past Chief John Wesley back in September and discussed a number of ways in which Snuneymuxw Nation could work with the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) on issues of land use management, as well as some ways in which Snuneymuxw might engage with the Islands Trust as an organization more generally. Sharing lunch together would give us an opportunity to get to know each other and further explore topics of mutual interest for the Gabriola Island Local Trust Area, as discussed in September:

1. Snuneymuxw would be interested in working on a shoreline protection project with the Gabriola LTC following the Kootenay Lake model, "Mapping Archaeological, Cultural, Ecological Values for Decision-making" <http://kootenaylakepartnership.com/resources/>.
2. Snuneymuxw would be interested in working with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) and the LTC on a regional Water Plan (as per the new *Water Sustainability Act*) for Gabriola Island's groundwater.
3. Snuneymuxw would be interested in working with the Gabriola LTC to include information on archaeological resources and Snuneymuxw place names in the Official Community Plan (OCP), and ensure the OCP context section provides a fair representation of Snuneymuxw history.
4. Snuneymuxw would appreciate being sent information about issues covered at LTC meetings, and when there is interest, having a Snuneymuxw representative present at LTC meetings as an opportunity to learn about land-use governance issues and decision-making.

Further to the above noted topics, the Snuneymuxw Nation signed a Protocol Agreement with the Islands Trust (on behalf of the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee) in 2008; if time and interest allows, we could discuss how to refresh this agreement to better reflect current understanding and expectations.

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

We have identified the following possible dates for our lunch:

- Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> or
- Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please let us know if any of these dates would work with your schedules or, alternatively, please feel free to suggest some alternative dates (preferably on a Thursday or Friday).

We look forward to hearing from you and building a working relationship based on honour and respect.

Respectfully,



Laura Busheikin, Chair  
Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee

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