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Dear North Cowichan Mayor and Councillors:

We respectfully request council follow Qualicum Beach council's wise lead and take steps toward a UNESCO biosphere designation for our eco-rare Six Mountains and publicly owned municipal-forest reserve.

Details of Qualicum council's prescient action regarding the Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Region are found in the Parksville-Qualicum Beach News' story and link attached.

We submit our Six Mountains and precious forest reserve are great candidates for UNESCO designation due to their provably rare ecology, plus priceless cultural, educational and recreational qualities.

Such an international designation would twin similar titles elsewhere on Vancouver Island.

It would also buttress North Cowichan's solid reputation as being officially eco-aware regarding climate-change crises, water issues, cultural values and more.

Coupled with looming completion of our biodiversity study, sturdy environmental bylaws, plus pending membership in the Coastal Douglas Fir Conservation Partnership, we anticipate council's due diligence toward Cowichan's first, exemplary UNESCO designation.

Yours in ecological recognition,
Peter W. Rusland,
North Cowichan



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