

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 6:56:20 PM
To: Rob Douglas <rob.douglas@northcowichan.ca>
Subject: Salish Sea Stones update

Dear Rob

I hope you are doing well and enjoying this lovely summer. It was good to catch up with you at the Chemainus Giant Street Market.

I wanted to update you on the Salish Sea Stones project.

We are now teaching the project at Penelakut Elementary, LAU, WELNEW Tribal Schools and Stz'uminus First Nations in Ladysmith. We have the Malahat First Nation and Big Brothers Big Sisters Victoria wanting to start the project later this year.

Earlier this year we had a very exciting project running at the BC Forest Discovery Centre in Duncan. The centre allowed us the use of their historic classroom, where the above school groups would come for Salish Sea Stones sessions. The centre also allowed the school groups free train rides and use of their grounds for sports events. These visits to the centre were very much liked by all who attended and we hope to continue these in the future.

We have also nurtured a beautiful partnership with William Head Institution in Metchosin. The inmates have very kindly agreed to produce our wooden presentation boxes. These are hand crafted from local cedar. They also hand craft wooden toy cars that we distribute to our local First Nations children's groups via our schools.

We have created a very special Salish Sea Stone for you and the North Cowichan Council as a thank you for the very kind donation to our wee project. The William Head team have also hand crafted very special presentation boxes for the stones (see attached photos).

We would be honoured if you would accept these very special gifts from all of us at Salish Sea Stones.

Yours thankfully,
Pete.

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North Cowichan is situated on the traditional territories of the Quw'utsun Nation, which includes the Cowichan Tribes, the Halalt First Nation, the Lyackson First Nation, the Penelakut Tribe, and the Stz'uminus First Nation. The Municipality also sits on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.