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Chief James Thomas
Halalt First Nation
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via email: chief@halalt.org

Dear Chief Thomas,

Re: Offer to Support Halalt First Nation 2022 National Indigenous Peoples Day Event

As North Cowichan continues its journey toward reconciliation, we have reflected on how we might better recognize and support National Indigenous Peoples Day this year, and in the future.

We acknowledge that we are at the beginning of this journey, and with June 21st approaching quickly we have limited time left for meaningful dialogue and input from Halalt First Nation, and other local First Nations, about what a North Cowichan-hosted National Indigenous Peoples Day event might look like. However, we understand that Halalt First Nation is currently planning a National Indigenous Peoples Day event for 2022, and we would like to offer our support with up to \$1,000 to assist with event costs. If we could support the planned 2022 event in another way, we would be pleased to hear how we might contribute.

We also wish to express our sincere interest in collaborating on, or supporting, future National Indigenous Peoples Days or other similar events, such as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Please have staff contact Sarah Nixon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, sarah.nixon@northcowichan.ca or 250.746.3157, should you wish to pursue our offer to support any planned 2022 event, or begin a dialogue on how we might collaborate for this or other, similar events in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra".

Debra Toporowski
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cc: Caroline Gladstone, General Manager, Halalt First Nation
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