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RE: Resort Municipality of Whistler Request for funding through CleanBC Communities to help develop Whistler's electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Dear Funding Partner,

I am pleased to present this letter as proof of the strategic collaboration and partnerships, both formal and informal, between the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre and the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW).

The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre sits at the metaphorical and geographical heart of Whistler. We opened our doors in 2008, in the shared territory and historical meeting place of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and Líl'wat7úl.

The Centre's purpose is to share our cultural knowledge and inspire understanding and respect amongst all people.

The Centre and the RMOW have an evolving partnership through funding, diverse marketing strategic alliances, and the shared desire to improve upon the environmental impact that our people and community have on the environment.

With many communities, inclusive of the Assembly of First Nations (Canada,) declaring states of emergency over climate change, I feel extremely supportive and encourage the addition of electric charging stations throughout the corridor, specifically in strategic locations designated by the RMOW.

In addition, the SLCC supports the RMOW request for funding through your granting office for the following rationale:

- The SLCC supports the RMOW's efforts to increase the share of zero-emissions vehicles to address climate pollution from Whistler's largest carbon emitting sector and help get Whistler back on track to its climate targets.
- Given the need for more electric vehicles to lower Whistler's climate impact and that the locations will enable tourists to choose climate-friendly electric vehicles to explore the cultural heritage of the region, the SLCC is supportive of the RMOW's application to CleanBC to develop more electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Last year, following discussions regarding our shared goals from the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations, the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre aims to work with leaders in the environmental sector to reduce our environmental negative footprint; strategically, we will promote ride share opportunities, electric vehicle charging stations, and alignment under the LEED Technology to operate our LEED awarded Facility.

We support and applaud the RMOW application for funding support under the CleanBC Communities grant to help develop Whistler's electric vehicle charging infrastructure

Sincerely,

Huy Chexw (thank you) Wa Chexw Yuu (take care)– Squamish Language
Kukw`stumc`kalap (Thank-you all) – Lil'wat Language,

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