



Memo to Council

From the Office of Mayor Rob Vagramov

Date: September 27, 2022
Subject: Letter of Support for the Kwikwetlem (kʷikwə́ləm) Living Heritage Initiative

On Monday September 26, 2022 Council received an email with a letter of request for Kwikwetlem (kʷikwə́ləm) Living Heritage Initiative (**attachment 1**) from the Strategic Initiatives Coordinator for Kwikwetlem First Nations.

I would like to recommend that Council provides a letter of support for the Kwikwetlem (kʷikwə́ləm) Living Heritage Initiative and pass the following resolution:

THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign the letter of support on behalf of the City of Port Moody Council in the attachment of the memo dated September 27, 2022 from Mayor Rob Vagramov regarding Letter of Support for the Kwikwetlem (kʷikwə́ləm) Living Heritage Initiative.

Attachment:

1. Email dated Sunday September 26, 2022 from Curtis Fullerton, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Kwikwetlem First Nations regarding Kwikwetlem (kʷikwə́ləm) Living Heritage Initiative

Stephanie Ivall

From: Curtis Fullerton <>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 8:53 AM
To: Council; Mayor Rob Vagramov
Cc: Ed Hall; Sue Lizotte; Deborah Martelluzzi; Gerry Bonilla; Stephanie Ivall
Subject: Request for City of Port Moody Letter of Support - Kwikwetlem (k'w'ik'w'əłəm) Living Heritage Initiative
Attachments: Draft City of Port Moody Ltr - Kwikwetlem Living Heritage.docx

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Good morning to the Port Moody Mayor and Council,

I am writing to share information with the City of Port Moody about the Kwikwetlem Living Heritage Initiative.

Over the next year, the Kwikwetlem Culture and Language Department is planning for several cultural revitalization projects including the enhancement of cultural heritage sites, land stewardship and teaching of traditional arts and practices to members. There will be interviews with Elders and Knowledge Keepers, as well as site visits that will promote learning of cultural heritage sites, landscapes and traditions. Some of this work will also feature the knowledge-sharing of jewelry-making and hard engraving techniques from Joseph Kambeitz, who is a Kwikwetlem Elder and celebrated artist.

We would be grateful to include a letter of support from the City of Port Moody with our funding applications. For your convenience, please find attached a draft letter for consideration. Feel free to make any changes necessary. We are hoping to receive a copy of this letter to include with our applications no later than October 3rd.

Our Nation recognizes the important impact that cultural revitalization has on our identity and well-being, and the essential role that it plays in building the path to reconciliation.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Much appreciated,
Curtis

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We acknowledge that we operate on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of k'w'ik'w'əłəm First Nation.

Date:

First Peoples' Cultural Council
1A Boat Ramp Road
Brentwood Bay, BC V8M 1N9

Re: Kwikwetlem (k'wɪkʷəłəm) Living Heritage Initiative

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the City of Port Moody, we would like to express our full support for the upcoming work for the planning and implementation of the Kwikwetlem Living Heritage Initiative. There is an important need to support Indigenous leadership in the safeguarding of all forms of cultural heritage, especially in balance with the preservation of traditional practices and connections to the land.

The City of Port Moody manages a community of 34,000 people with a strategic geographical location in Metro Vancouver. It envelops the east end of Burrard Inlet and is the smallest of the Tri-Cities, bordered by Coquitlam on the east and south and by Burnaby on the west. The villages of Belcarra and Anmore, along with the rugged Coast Mountains, lie to the northwest and north, respectively.

The City of Port Moody places a high value on environmental protection. This strong focus on environmental awareness is evident in the number of dedicated volunteer groups that play an important role in educating the general public on the importance of environmental stewardship and the need to embrace more sustainable behaviour.

The Kwikwetlem Living Heritage Initiative will involve a series of key cultural revitalization initiatives including the enhancement of cultural heritage sites, climate change and land stewardship, as well as documenting traditional place names and stories throughout Kwikwetlem's territory. Additionally, there will be interviews with Elders and Knowledge Keepers, as well as site visits that will promote learning of cultural heritage sites, landscapes and traditions.

We also understand that Kwikwetlem members will have the opportunity to learn traditional art practices from Joseph Kambeitz, who is a Kwikwetlem Elder and celebrated artist who specializes in carving, engraving and jewelry making. Over the course of six months, students will learn the fundamentals of two-dimensional Coast Salish art design and drawing basics, followed by building and using traditional tools and traditional carving techniques.

We are supportive of this application on behalf of the Kwikwetlem First Nation to move these projects forward and encourage their funding initiatives that are presently underway.

Thank you for the consideration of funding for these important projects to honour Kwikwetlem cultural heritage, traditions and history.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rob Vagramov
City of Port Moody

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