



KHOWUTZUN
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

February 29, 2024

Municipality of North Cowichan
Duncan, BC

Dear: North Cowichan Council

Re: Khowutzun Development Corporation (KDC) – Letter of Support

The Khowutzun Development Corporation applauds the opportunity that RavenStone Construction has earned by signing the Memorandum of Understanding to be the Main SubContractor for the WestVista Terrace project. This represents a shining example of what economic reconciliation is all about at the grassroots level, especially since it is taking place within the traditional territory of the Cowichan Tribes, which is the largest First Nation in B.C.

The harmonization of paths with First Nations, Industry, Government, and the private sector will allow us to achieve economic reconciliation for all. This is necessary to ensure economic stability for our communities and to achieve the mandate set forth in the action plan to integrate the principles of UNDRIP supported by both the Province and the Federal government. As you all are aware, the Community Benefits Agreement governing the process for the construction of the new hospital did not recognize Cowichan Tribes rights and title to these lands. Lands that were inherently Cowichans. Khowutzun Development Corporation, the economic arm of Cowichan Tribes, fought to participate in this project with the support of our leadership, and fought to ensure that future projects would support the UNDRIP principles, support and recognize Cowichan Tribes and our members rights to self-determination and the right to participate in the development within our traditional territory.

This project will provide North Cowichan an opportunity to lead by example and to show that First Nations governments and Municipalities can come together and create opportunities that will benefit our communities and support our local contractors.

The logo for Khowutzun Development Corporation features the word "KHOWUTZUN" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter "O" is replaced by a circular emblem containing a stylized, green and black tree or plant motif. Below the company name, the words "DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION" are written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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RavenStone, is Cowichan Tribes first Core Certified Company and a proven contractor, they are members with traditional ties to these lands, and they deserve the right to benefit and participate in the building of our local economy. We support RavenStone Construction on their independent journey and know they will bring value to this project. This is a much-needed housing project for our community. This collaboration will lead the way for more partnerships and more opportunities for both our communities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodee D.", is positioned above the typed name.

Jodee Dick
CEO, Khowutzun Development Corporation