



# Yuutu?it?ath

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to affirm our support for the continued designation of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region, established in 2000.

Our region has worked together for the past decade to advance the objectives of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve program. We are working together to achieve the objectives of sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and reconciliation, through education, research and collaboration such as:

- Co-leading sustainable development and biodiversity conservation projects;
- Participating in programs and events that develop cross-cultural understanding and advance reconciliation;
- Developing alliances and partnerships to strengthen the development of citizens, communities, and ecosystems as well as stewardship of ecosystem services;
- Developing and promoting education tourism opportunities through participation in the West Coast N.E.S.T.;
- Contributing data and knowledge to the Vital Signs program and the Living Wage calculation;
- Participating in training and capacity building programs such as the Art of Hosting and Leadership Vancouver Island;
- Participating in networks to enhance communication and coordination;
- Contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Through the collaborative work that the Yuutu?it?ath and CBT have done over the years, the Yuutu?it?ath has successfully implemented its Living Wage Policy and held a very successful and well-attended regional gathering in 2017, with sharing of culture and traditional foods.

We are proud to support the continued Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere designation, and look forward to participating in the next ten years of activities in our region.

Sincerely,

Charles McCarthy  
President