

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.

The Alberni Clayoquot Health Network (ACHN) is a multidisciplinary network made up of decision makers, non-profits and human service organizations within the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District who share a common interest in improving health indicators for our communities. We strive to unite the region through strategic planning and action aimed at increasing equity and access to basic needs for community members in the region.

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:

- 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;
- Contributing data and knowledge to the Vital Signs program or 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;
- Participating in processes for implementing, managing, and monitoring community and ecosystem health; and
- Contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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,

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

Marcie DeWitt  
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