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Hegus and Executive Council, Tla'amin Nation
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Re: Support for library name change, from Hegus John Hackett dated April 8, 2022

Dear Hegus John Hackett,

In your letter, received by the Board at the May 9 regular meeting, the Board was requested to express an intent for a name change of the Library. As provided in the British Columbia Library Act, a municipal library board is named after the municipality which it serves. Our public library was created by the Municipal Council of the City of Powell River. In accordance with the Library Act, it shares that name.

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees I offer this statement confirming the Library Board's support of the Tla'amin People and our commitment to work towards truth, justice and reconciliation. Through its collections, space and services the Library strives to provide equitable opportunities for growth, literacy, exploration and connection to all community members.

In alignment with the City of Powell River's endorsement of the Calls to Action and the adoption of UNDRIP, we recognize the tremendous importance of making visible Tla'amin place names and ʔayʔajuθəm, the language of the Tla'amin People. The commitments to truth and reconciliation made Federally, Provincially and by our local governments provide tangible ways for our Library and community to move forward.

The Library Board continues to see the need for all people in our community to have the opportunity to grow their understanding of ʔayʔajuθəm. We will work to find new ways to support and promote the use of the language of the Tla'amin People in a respectful and sensitive manner. The Library continues to support public learning and growth and provide space for dialogue.

We are grateful that the Library is seen as a convening place for our community and look forward to strengthening the connections we have built with the Tla'amin Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chloe Smith', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chloe Smith, Board Vice-Chair