

Statement from the Board Chair



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Statement from CVRD Chair re: Ts'uubaa-asatx First Nation quarry in Electoral Area I *"Building relationships toward reconciliation through dialogue with Ts'uubaa-asatx First Nation"*

DUNCAN, BC – “On Monday, May 1, I, along with CAO Myles-Wilson and Area I Director Deck, met with Ts'uubaa-asatx First Nation elected and staff leadership to discuss concerns about the recent community meeting held in Youbou (Area I). We also reflected on community concerns regarding quarry development on Ts'uubaa-asatx First Nation reserve lands.

We discussed the concerns presented in a good way, reflecting on our support for Ts'uubaa-asatx First Nation right to self determination and economic reconciliation through development opportunities in their traditional territory.

Our focus remains on developing strong relationships that support community members, both in the Cowichan Valley Regional District and Ts'uubaa-asatx First Nation, as we move forwards on the path to reconciliation.

Though the quarry development is wholly within Ts'uubaa-asatx lands and does not require permits from the CVRD or Province of BC, the Nation is committed to a high standard of development that respects the environment and quality of life for those in the vicinity, including Ts'uubaa-asatx members and CVRD residents. We understand that Ts'uubaa-asatx has released the project site plan publicly and is encouraging residents with questions or concerns to contact them directly,

In the spirit of our Government to Government Protocol Agreement, we continue to work together to strengthen our relationship and communications so that we may better support each other and our communities moving forward.”

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