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Dear Chief Sam and Council:

RE: CONGRATULATIONS ON SUCCESSFUL ELECTION & RE-ELECTION

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, I wish to congratulate you on your successful election and re-election to serve as the governing body for Songhees Nation.

Working with First Nations, on whose traditional territory the CRD and its member municipalities operate, is a key priority for the CRD Board. We greatly appreciate previous opportunities to meet with Songhees leadership and we are committed to continuing to strengthen our government-to-government relationship.

We were very pleased to reach agreement on a CRD-Songhees Cooperation Agreement with the previous Songhees Council, and we look forward to working with the new Council to sign and implement this agreement.

We would like to take this opportunity to request a government-to-government meeting with Songhees leadership, or perhaps a Cooperation Agreement signing event, so we may continue the work that CRD and Songhees have started together.

Through leadership-level meetings, we hope to deepen our relationship, sign and implement the Cooperation Agreement, and learn more about how the CRD can support the priorities and interests of Songhees Nation. We look forward to working collaboratively on issues related to inclusive governance, heritage conservation and archaeology, water and wastewater servicing, parks, Regional Growth Strategy, the Island Corridor and the E&N Trail, and more.

Caitlyn Vernon, CRD's First Nations Relations Manager, will follow up with your staff regarding a possible leadership-level meeting with your Council.

Sincerely,

Cliff McNeil-Smith

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Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: Rosa Horne, Executive Director, Songhees Nation
Tammy Sam, Governance Administration Liaison, Songhees Nation
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