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To: Proton, Adriana
Subject: RE: Letter to City of Courtenay Mayor and Council RE: update/change of fiscal host for substance use awareness event

Mayor and Council
City of Courtenay
830 Cliffe Avenue
Courtenay, BC V9N 2J7

April 16, 2025

To City of Courtenay Mayor and Council:

Re: Substance Use Education and Awareness Events

As you are aware, a group of community partners have been planning a two day substance use education and awareness event originally scheduled to occur on April 15 and 16, 2025. At the March 12, 2025 meeting, Council had passed a resolution allowing for a financial contribution to these events. I am writing on behalf of the planning group to provide an update and to request council's support for these changes.

To allow for more planning, the date of the event has been moved forward. The tentative dates are now June 3rd and 4th, 2025. As part of the original resolution, the Indigenous Women's Sharing Society (IWSS) was to be the fiscal host for the funds. IWSS will no longer be serving as the fiscal host. The Comox Valley Transition Society (CVTS) has kindly agreed to be the new fiscal host and will be responsible/accountable for the administration of all funds for the events.

Thank you for your support for this important community education and awareness event.

Cc Heather Ney, Executive Director, CVTS

And leads of other community agencies on the planning committee

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in the Spirit of Health and Community!

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With deep gratitude, respect and humility, I acknowledge that it is an honour and privilege to live, work and play on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation who are the keepers of this land - the ancestral lands of the K'ómoks, Pentlatch, Sathloot ('sath-loot), Sasitla (sa-'seet-la), E'iksan (eye-'ick-sun), and Xa-xe ('ha-hey) Tribes. I commit to building relationships and doing whatever is within my power to be an ally in the work of unlearning racism and

decolonizing all our practices and systems. I embrace and commit to learning about Indigenous teachings and ways of being... in the circle together with no one above and no one below.