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Courtenay City Council  
City of Courtenay  
830 Cliffe Avenue  
Courtenay, B.C. V9N 2J7

Dear Mayor and Council:

**Re: Comox Valley Reconciliation Advisory Table Funding Request**

On behalf of the Comox Valley Reconciliation Advisory Table (Advisory Table), I am writing to request **\$1,940** in funding from the City of Courtenay to cover the costs of renting the Sid Williams Theatre on Thursday, April 23, 2026, for a community learning event taking place from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

This event is part of the Reconciliation Journey ~ Community Learning Series and will be a free public presentation featuring K'ómoks First Nation archaeologist Jesse Morin. The presentation provides an excellent foundation for understanding the long-standing presence of Indigenous people in the Comox Valley. Pamela Mitchell, Culture Manager for K'ómoks First Nation, will speak about local languages and the K'ómoks culture and share examples of reconciliation and cultural resilience in our community.

Using Sid Williams as a venue will provide capacity for hundreds of people from the community to attend. Public education is an important goal of the Advisory Table, which was formed in late 2022 and includes regular participants from the K'ómoks First Nation, Indigenous Women's Sharing Society, Kumugwe Cultural Society,

MIKI'SIW Métis Association, Sasamans Society, Upper Island Women of Native Ancestry, City of Courtenay, Comox Valley Regional District, Town of Comox and the Village of Cumberland.

Members of the Advisory Table shared their plans for a community event with elected officials at the CVRD's Elected Officials Forum in Fall 2025. This event would mark a key milestone in the group's work, which has been ongoing over the last three years.

I would be pleased to provide additional information about the event as required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Meaghan Cursons', with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Meaghan Cursons  
Event Planner  
Comox Valley Reconciliation Advisory Table

cc: Nick Chowdhury, Facilitator, Reconciliation Advisory Table