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January 29, 2026

Geoff Garbutt, CAO
City of Courtenay
830 Cliffe Avenue,
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Dear Geoff Garbutt, CAO,

Re: K'ómoks First Nation Addition to Reserve Letter of Support

K'ómoks First Nation (KFN) is proceeding with an Addition to Reserve Application to the Government of Canada for one parcel (42.54 acres/17.21 hectares) of fee-simple land held by the Nation in the Piercy Road area.

As part of this process, we are seeking a Letter of Support from the City of Courtenay. We hope to work together with you, other First Nations, local, provincial, and federal government entities, as well as interested parties, to advance our shared obligations and common interests through reconciliation and partnership building.

As you know, land is central to First Nation identity, knowledge, and economic resilience. Promoting the inherent right of First Nations to govern their lands, territories and resources is critical to creating pathways for self-determination and prosperity. KFN is seeking to act on this inherent right through the completion of an Addition to Reserve process for the portion of LOT A SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP 9 COMOX DISTRICT PLAN VIP88394, except part in PLAN EPP10606, as shown on Attachment No. 1. These lands are currently held fee-simple by KFN and were purchased in 2001 as an accommodation parcel following the conclusion of a complex infringement negotiation with the federal government. As time has advanced, the potential use of the lands has evolved, and the Nation is now at an important decision point.

The purpose of the K'ómoks First Nation (KFN) application for the Piercy Road site is to accommodate community growth, improve community access to lands and resources, and to support community and economic development initiatives for the Nation. K'ómoks IR#1 is nearing full build-out and can no longer serve as the location for future member housing or other community needs. The Puntledge and Goose Spit IRs are heavily encumbered by environmental constraints, while the Salmon River IR is both distant and impacted by accessibility issues (see Attachment No. 2 for the location of KFN Reserve Lands).

As such, KFN is applying to amend the status of a current KFN holding in the Piercy Road area from fee-simple to Reserve Lands. It is anticipated that the future uses will also include administrative, community-support functions, and economic development initiatives.

The subject parcel comprises approximately 42.54 acres (17.21 hectares). The lands are currently a mix of forested area and an aggregate pit that was utilized during highway construction approximately 20 years ago.

Federal responsibility for the Addition to Reserve process is shared between the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and the Minister of Indigenous Services. The ATR process serves as a redress mechanism for past injustices by the Government of Canada. As part of this process, KFN is required to seek Letters of Support and respectfully requests that the City of Courtenay provide a positive response for this initiative. Attachment No. 3 includes a draft template for your consideration.

Should you have any questions or wish to receive further information, please contact Carol McColl, K'ómoks First Nation Lands Manager by phone at 250-339-4545 ext. 125 or by email at carol.mccoll@komoks.ca.

Respectfully,



Nicole Rempel
Elected Chief, K'ómoks First Nation

cc: Chief & Council
cc: Intergovernmental Relations
cc: Jordan Templeman, Interim CAO
cc: Carol McColl, Lands Manager

Attachment No. 1: Subject Lands
Attachment No. 2: KFN Reserve Lands
Attachment No. 3: Response Letter Template

Attachment No. 1: Subject Lands, KFN Addition to Reserve Application

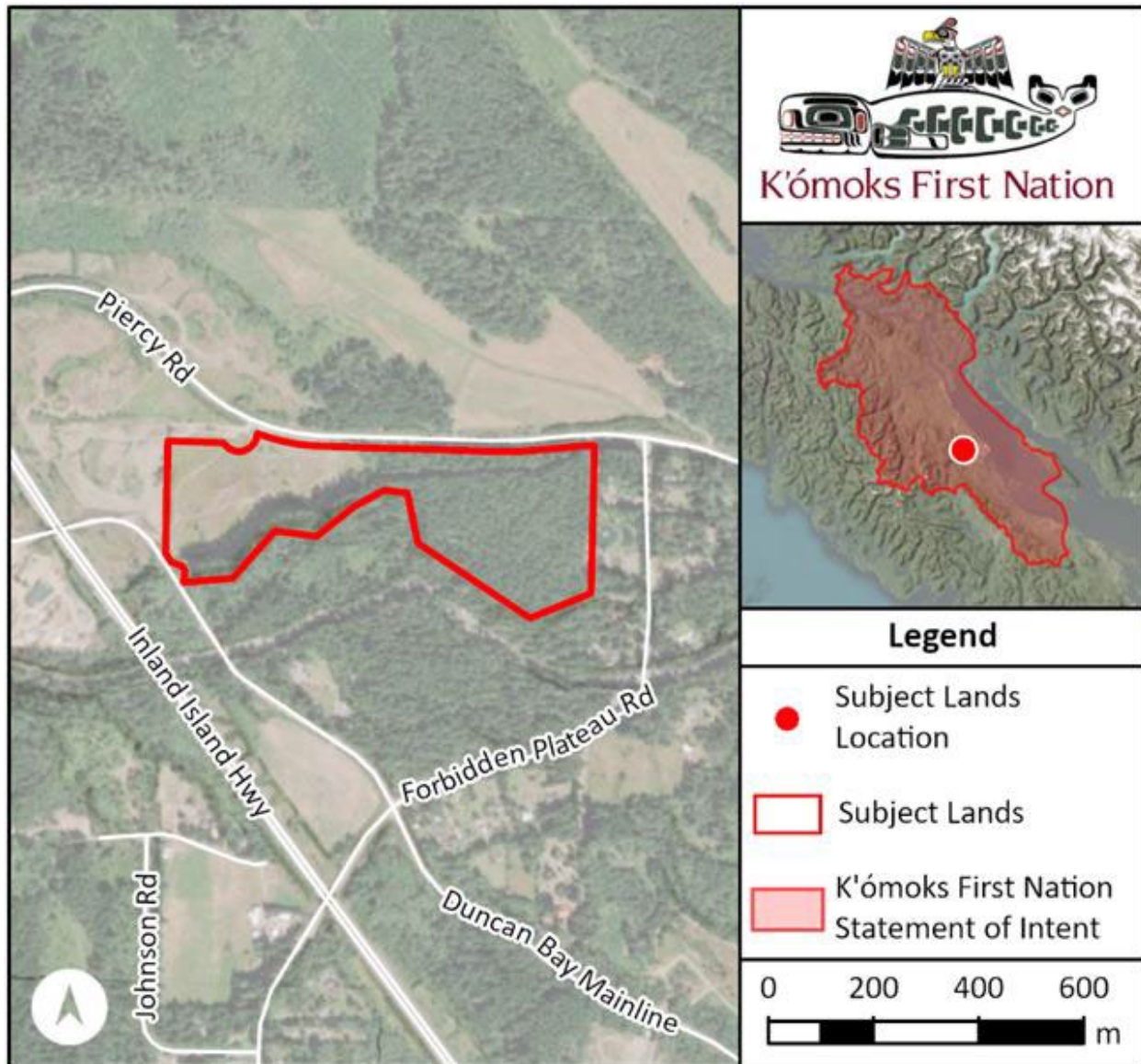
Map 1: Subject Lands

(Total Area 42.54 ac/17.21 ha)

Map 2: Parcel Identification 028-351-118

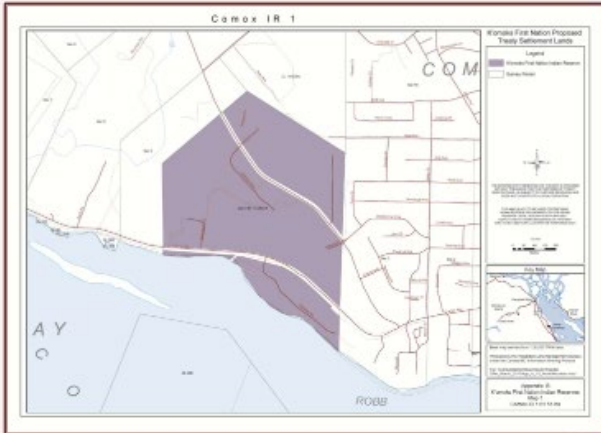
Legal Descriptions:

LOT A SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP 9 COMOX DISTRICT PLAN VIP88394, EXCEPT PART IN PLAN EPP10606



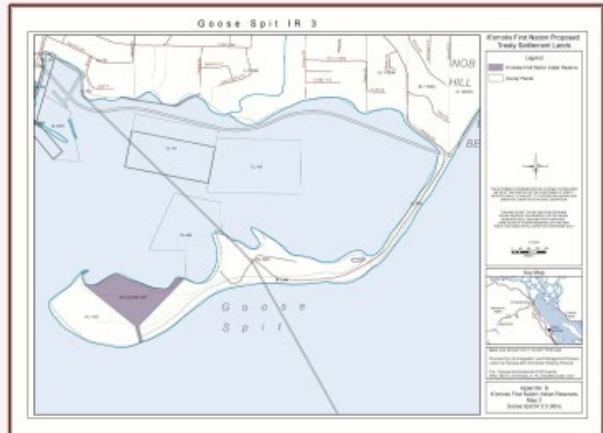
Attachment No. 2: KFN Reserve Lands

Comox IR 1



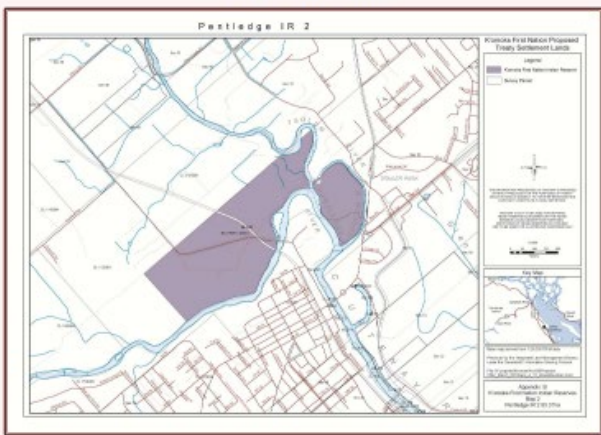
Total Area = 61.51 ha
 (~ 152 acres)

Goose Spit IR 3



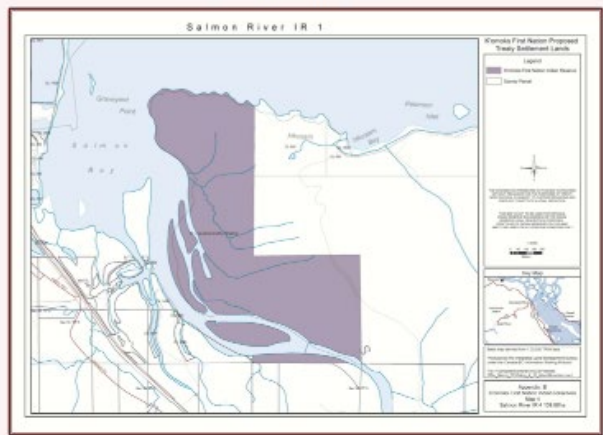
Total Area = 5.38 ha
 (~ 13 acres)

Pentledge IR 2



Total Area = 83.31 ha
 (~ 206 acres)

Salmon River IR 1



Total Area = 159.86 ha
 (~ 395 acres)

Attachment No. 3: Response Letter Template

Letter Head

Insert date [please respond prior to DATE]

Chief Nicole Rempel,
K'ómoks First Nation
3330 Comox Road
Courtenay BC V9N 3P8

Dear Chief Rempel,

Re: K'ómoks First Nation Addition to Reserve Application – Piercy Road

In response to your recent request for support regarding K'ómoks First Nation's (KFN) Addition to Reserve (ATR) application for the Piercy Road parcel, the City of Courtenay provides the following.

We understand that the purpose of this application is to address the shortage of buildable land available to K'ómoks First Nation for community use, economic development, and other Nation priorities. We further acknowledge that the subject lands are currently held in fee simple by K'ómoks First Nation.

We support this application for the following reasons (if applicable).

Add in any comments and/or a reference to an Adopted Motion, Band Council Resolution, or other recommendations.

We understand that this letter will be provided to the Government of Canada as part of K'ómoks First Nation's Addition to Reserve Application for the Piercy Road parcel.

Should you have any question or should representatives of K'ómoks First Nation wish to meet to discuss this matter further, please contact *[contact name]* at *[telephone number]* or *[email address]*.

Sincerely,

Name and Title