
A Taste of Learning

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To The Long Lake Flatwater Training Centre Society:

I am pleased to write a letter of support for the Nanaimo Canoe and Kayak Club of Nanaimo. A Taste of Learning seeks to provide opportunities for individuals with diverse needs to gain experience by exploring the natural world and community. We believe that it is by doing and experiencing that people come to learn and can get in touch with their inner most selves and be free to express the best versions of who they are. In partnering with the NCKC, A Taste of Learning has been able to provide such opportunities for our youth to participate in programmes such as 'learn to kayak' which in addition to building the practical skills of kayaking, also creates foundational steps towards building a sense of confidence, self-esteem, and community connection. For the children that we service, having a safe space to return to with trusted adults can mean the difference between access to an activity and fear or anxiety. For example, the first time I took a learner to kayak, he was too scared to try and choose to sit and watch; however, after returning to the same location where he knew the people and could trust the environment, he went in a kayak for the first time in his life at 15 years old. This may seem like a simple story to many people, but for this child, it was a huge step.

I am grateful for the opportunities that NCKC have provided to A Taste of Learning over the years and appreciate any funding that can be put towards the construction to improve the development and safety of Loudon Park. If even one child is affected by the dedication and opportunities accessible through the LLFTC, then it was well worth it.

With appreciation,

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"Everyone deserves to be seen, heard and loved."

