

Long Lake Flatwater Training Centre Society
c/o 2650 Cosgrove Cres.
Nanaimo, BC
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ATTENTION: Ashley Rowe

Re: Support for the Long Lake Rowing and Paddling Centre

Dear Ms. Rowe:

I am pleased to write this letter of support to the Long Lake Flatwater Training Centre Society (LLFTC) for the building of the Long Lake Rowing and Paddling Centre. As you are aware, the International Education department at Vancouver Island University (VIU) has been partnering with the Nanaimo Canoe and Kayak Club (NCKC), one of the governing bodies of the LLFTC, to introduce large groups of international students to canoeing and kayaking at Long Lake for many years. As the Manager of Intercultural and Group Programs at VIU, I personally have supported the facilitation of these group experiences for almost twelve years, and I'm so grateful that our students have access to this amazing community resource.

There are many benefits of the new Long Lake Rowing and Paddling Centre for VIU groups, including:

- a safe and welcoming space for lesson facilitation;
- a secure space for storing equipment, supplies, and student belongings;
- an increased capacity to host larger and more diverse groups; and
- improved restroom facilities.

Our department plans to continue our visits to Long Lake with groups of international students, and along with offering improved group facilitation, a new building would positively showcase the LLFTC, the NCKC, and the City of Nanaimo to our students and international partners.

I look forward to hearing updates on this exciting project. Please feel free to share this letter of support with community partners.

Warm Regards,

Ali White
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