



# Yuutu?it?ath

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VIA EMAIL TO: [tjbrown@ucluelet.ca](mailto:tjbrown@ucluelet.ca)

Dear Tyler Brown,

**RE: Hyphocus Island – Lot 543  
Official Community Plan Amendment and Rezoning Application**

Thank you for referring the Official Community Plan (“OCP”) amendment and rezoning application for Lot 543 on Hyphocus Island (Huumaniš) to Yuutu?it?ath Government (“YG”).

YG appreciates the District of Ucluelet’s continued engagement and the opportunity to review this proposal in advance of Third Reading. Hyphocus Island, located directly across from Hitacu within YG’s territory, forms part of a culturally significant landscape, and land use changes on the island are therefore of particular importance from cultural, environmental, and stewardship perspectives.

YG has reviewed the application materials, including the proposed OCP amendments, rezoning framework, and supporting technical reports, and acknowledges prior engagement between YG staff, the proponent, and the District. Through this work, YG’s team identified areas of archaeological sensitivity through Preliminary Field Reconnaissance. As previously discussed, these areas must be avoided, with appropriate buffers and “no-touch” zones maintained and carried forward through detailed design and implementation.

From a stewardship perspective, while the proposal includes shoreline setbacks, open space, and covenant areas, it will be important that these measures are implemented in a way that meaningfully protects shoreline and upland environments and maintains ecological integrity. YG expects to remain engaged as the project advances through detailed design, subdivision, and construction planning.

YG also notes the importance of considering infrastructure connected to future development. The Helen Road causeway, while outside the current application, represents a long-standing alteration to the marine and intertidal environment. The proponent has indicated that removal may be considered, and YG expects this to be incorporated into future planning discussions, as YG has a strong interest in exploring the removal of the causeway and the restoration of the environment to its pre-development condition.

In addition, the proposed “Municipal Parcel” on Lot 543 warrants further discussion. Given its location within a culturally and environmentally significant area, YG requests engagement with the District to clarify its intended purpose, governance, and long-term management, and to ensure YG’s interests and benefits are reflected in ongoing development.

YG is supportive of the proposal proceeding, provided that cultural protections, buffers, and stewardship considerations are fully integrated into subsequent phases, and that clarity is provided regarding the causeway and future land transfers. Ongoing, meaningful engagement will be essential as the project advances.

Sincerely,



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cc: Carey Cunneyworth, Director of ḥaahuupačakukqinʔaala (Always our teachings) – Culture, Language and Heritage.

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