

July 12, 2024



City of Langford
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Dear Mayor *Scott* Goodmanson

RE: Friendship City - Ukraine

At our Regular Meeting of Council held on July 8, 2024, Council considered a report to formalize a friendship agreement with a Ukrainian City and to explore a potential collaboration with the Westshore Municipalities to support the Ukraine.

At the meeting Council passed the following resolution:

THAT the Mayor send a letter on behalf of Council to the Westshore municipalities of Langford, Highlands, Metchosin and View Royal to seek interest in collaborating to support Vancouver Island Supports the Ukraine in their fundraising activities to support cities in the Ukraine.

AND THAT the City enter into a specific Friendship Agreement with a Ukrainian City.

Vancouver Island Supports Ukraine (VISU), an organization that has been led by community volunteers have delivered food and meals to displaced Ukrainians. In addition, the organization has provided fire rescue equipment, medical equipment to areas hospitals, educational supplies, laptops to hospitals, generators for high schools, and comfort backpacks.

VISU are requesting the municipalities of the Westshore support specific projects for the Ukrainian cities and are optimistic that the municipalities can work together to assist in fundraising activities to support their initiatives. VISU is not looking for direct financial support from the municipalities, instead, in-kind support by providing expertise, communications and leadership.

Collaboration among our Westshore municipalities fosters a sense of unity, leverages resources, and creates a stronger community. If we can fundraise together, we can achieve more significant positive impacts for our residents.

Attached is a potential friendship agreement for your consideration. Colwood is enthusiastic to work together to show solidarity and support to the Ukraine during an incredibly difficult time.

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Sincerely,



Doug Kobayashi,
Mayor

Enclosures:

- July 8, 2024 – Report – Friendship City “Sister City” Support the Ukraine
- Draft Friendship Agreement
- June 1, 2023 – Correspondence – Bob Beckett, VISU