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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Support for Advancing Climate-Resilient Communities in the City of Victoria and the CRD

On behalf of the City of Victoria, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the collaborative initiative led by Sierra Club BC, Resilient Urban Systems and Habitat Initiative (RUSH), Engage with Nature-Based Solutions (ENBS), and Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society (GOMPS) to advance climate resilience in the City of Victoria and across South Vancouver Island. The proposed project aims to mitigate the risks of climate change—specifically flooding, fire, and extreme heat—and aligns closely with the City of Victoria's commitment to climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation, and community resilience.

Communities in the Capital Regional District (CRD), including the City of Victoria, are already experiencing the impacts of climate change, such as extreme heat, drought conditions, and extreme rainfall events. This project offers an innovative and actionable approach to addressing these challenges by integrating data in line with fire-smart and flood-smart best-practices into accessible tools, mobilizing community participation, and implementing green infrastructure solutions tailored to our unique regional context.

The initiative's goals—to provide residents and local governments with a Climate-Ready Communities toolkit, educate communities and schools about climate resilience and involve them in mapping projects, and enhance local ecosystems through the planting of native, fire-resistant species—are critical steps toward fostering safer, more sustainable neighbourhoods. The emphasis on incorporating Indigenous knowledge and traditions into the planning and design process is especially commendable and reflective of the values we uphold in the City of Victoria.

By March 2027, this project is expected to deliver measurable outcomes, including:

- Comprehensive access to the RUSH and ENBS platforms and the Sierra Club BC Climate-Ready Toolkit for local governments and community groups.
- Climate-focused curriculum and outreach delivered to at least 10 schools across the CRD.
- The planting and maintenance of 500 native fire-resistant trees and 1,000 drought-tolerant companion species to reduce climate risks.

The City of Victoria recognizes the transformative potential of this initiative to enhance community resilience while addressing biodiversity, water management, and climate adaptation. We are committed to supporting this project and look forward to collaborating to ensure its success in our region.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this important initiative. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require further details or assistance.

Sincerely,

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The City of Victoria

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