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Attention: Mayor Alto and City Council

RE: Heritage Alternation Permit, Lower Causeway – Umbrella Mounts

On behalf of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA), I wish to submit an application for a Heritage Alternation Permit. Over the last year we have been working closely with the Songhees Nation and Xwsepsum Nation on a Lekwungen Placemaking Project in the Inner Harbour. The project has many initiatives aimed at the beautification and cultural revitalization of the lower causeway.

One initiative aims to support the Indigenous Artists Causeway Program by adding beautiful and well secured umbrellas along the south side of the causeway to add shade for the artists and cultural vibrancy to the area.

The Indigenous Artists Causeway Program has been in place for many years. The Program reserves the south side of the causeway for Indigenous carvers and artists to sell their goods, and while it has not been as active since the pandemic, we are hoping that through this initiative, we may have bring more Indigenous artists back to the Inner Harbour.

Please find attached a proposal for the placement of 12 umbrellas along the south side of the causeway. The umbrellas, adorned with artwork by Songhees Nation artist Butch Dick, would be secured by a welded metal holder painted black to coordinate with the lamp posts and mushroom lights.

This project has been developed and endorsed by the Lekwungen Inner Harbour Placemaking Working Group made up of Songhees Nation and Xwsepsum Nation members. We also have the support of both Nation's Chief and Councils.

We look forward to presenting this initiative to the Panel at an upcoming meeting and answering any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Kitts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy Kitts
First Nations Engagement Manager