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To whom it may concern,

Re: Support for Sunshine Coast Active Transportation Project

As the Member of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly for Powell River-Sunshine Coast, I wholeheartedly support the Connect the Coast multi-use path initiative.

This project aims to establish All Ages and Abilities active transportation infrastructure on the Sunshine Coast. Constructing a multi-use path from Langdale to Sechelt and beyond promises several benefits. It will boost economic growth, enhance regional emergency service delivery, serve as a valuable tourism asset, and provide an affordable, safe, and sustainable transportation option for both residents and visitors.

The next project phase involves securing grant funding and collaborating with various stakeholders, including the Sunshine Coast Regional District, District of Sechelt, Town of Gibsons, and the shíshálh and Sk̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh nations, to conduct a feasibility study for the highest-priority sections outlined in the Preliminary Design Report.

This study will outline the plan and include engineered infrastructure designs, marking a significant step towards a more sustainable and connected transportation network on the Sunshine Coast.

I urge the relevant authorities and funding bodies to recognize the project's importance and provide the necessary support. Active transportation infrastructure will improve residents' quality of life, attract visitors, and foster economic growth in the region.

I fully endorse Connect the Coast's applications for grant funding and am committed to collaborating with stakeholders to ensure the project's success. I eagerly anticipate the positive impact this initiative will bring to our region.

Warm regards,

Nicholas Simons, MLA
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