## **Tanya Duthie**

**From:** Alicia Fraser

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 9:10 AM **To:** kate.richey@malahatnation.com

**Cc:** Ted Robbins; Caitlyn Vernon; Tanya Duthie

**Subject:** RE: Malahat Nation Response to the CRD Regional Water Supply Master Plan

Hello Kate,

Thank you for following up regarding the interests of Malahat Nation regarding the CRD Regional Water Supply Master Plan.

The Master Plan provides a conceptual-level road map for infrastructure solutions to maintain safe drinking water supply into the future given the demand of future population growth and the impact of various risks on the service including climate change. The Master Plan was approved in 2022, after what we recognize was a short period for engagement with First Nations.

Currently, the only projects in the Master Plan that have approved funding to move forward to design are upgrades to two transmission mains, one on Goldstream Avenue at Veterans Memorial Parkway to the Watkiss PCS Inlet, and the second from Niagara Main (near Goldstream Disinfection Facility) to Goldstream Avenue at Veterans Memorial Parkway. The two transmission main upgrade projects are just beginning preliminary design. The other projects in the Master Plan will require further review and approval prior to moving forward to with further investigation.

We appreciate that further discussion is required with Malahat First Nation in relation to the watershed, watershed health, and the projects proposed in the Master Plan. At this time we do not have further details on the scope of each project beyond that outlined in the Master Plan, however I would welcome the opportunity to discuss so I can better understand your interests and how they might inform or influence the projects identified in the Master Plan.

I have copied our Manager of First Nations Relations, Caitlyn Vernon, who will be in touch to schedule a meeting. We would like to learn more about your interests and concerns, address the specific questions outlined in your letter, and find a collaborative path forward that addresses your interests.

We will be including your letter in the materials for the next regular Commission meeting on March 20, 2024.

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Hello Ted,

Please see Malahat Nation's letter, signed by Chief Gordon Harry, regarding the CRD Regional Water Supply Master Plan, we are writing to ensure the Nation's letter is included in the discussion during the upcoming Regional Water Supply Commission meeting.

Regards, Kate

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