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Hegus Clint Williams
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Dear Hegus Williams:

We are deeply moved to hear of the outbreak of COVID-19 and the growing number of confirmed cases in the Tla'amin Nation. We offer our sympathies to the entire Nation, and wish those affected by the virus a healthy and speedy recovery.

We commend Tla'amin Nation for your impressive response to the COVID-19 situation that you find yourselves in. Your rapid containment measures are exemplary and your effort to remain transparent throughout this difficult time is admirable.

In the face of challenge and adversity, we have witnessed the Tla'amin Nation come together and show incredible leadership not only for your people but also for the entire region. As we continue to face this unprecedented COVID-19 disease, we are reminded that we are all in this together.

To that end, the Regional Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), which is for the preparedness and response to public calamities, is a collaboration between the City of Powell River, qathet Regional District and of course the Tla'amin Nation. We understand shouldering the heavy lifting as you address your Nation and protect them but please do not hesitate to tap into resources of the EOC that you are jointly invested in as well.

Our hearts go out to the Tla'amin Nation. As your neighbours and friends, we extend our gratitude and encouragement as you work through this unparalleled pandemic. Know that we are at your side; keeping the health of your Nation safe and guarding the adjacent community.

Sincerely,

Patrick Brabazon, Chair
qathet Regional District

CaroleAnn Leishman, Chair
Powell River Regional Hospital District