Chief Maureen Thomas,

Tsleil-Waututh Nation
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Dear Chief Thomas,

The Tri-Cities Pride Society (TCPS) has been operating since September 2017. Our mission is to build a more inclusive Tri-Cities through dedicated advocacy and overarching support. Our society has conducted events aiming to increase social connections, protect youth from discrimination, and help show our communities’ diverse composition. We aided the City of Coquitlam in creating its *rainbow crosswalk* at the corner of Pinetree & Burlington Drive. We have also been involved with the city of Port Coquitlam in the creating of a public Pride art project. We organize community events and resources that aim to build community and dismantle barriers; by strengthening our communities we strive to make a safer and more inclusive place in which to live.

I send you this letter as an apology for our society not approaching your nation prior to now. As an organization aiming to affect cultural change this is entirely inexcusable. I would like to offer our most sincere apologies. I hope that we can work closer from this point onwards.

We would appreciate the chance, if you and the nation are so willing, to work with the
Tsleil-Waututh First Nation. We would like to have a TCPS member serve as liaison with your nation, and to ask if there were a member of the nation who would be willing to serve on our board.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this letter.

Best regards,

Brett Collins

Treasurer - TCPS