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To Whom It May Concern,

Located in an exceptionally artistic community, in a province with the highest number of artists in Canada, the Cowichan Valley Arts Council has been committed to supporting arts and culture since 1971. The CVAC board of directors regards the Friends of the Cowichan Valley Public Art Gallery Society as a valuable initiative in our community. Its plan to establish a major art centre in this rural area will not only enrich the community, but also act as an economic driver for the southern Vancouver Island region.

The CVAC board believes that a new public gallery will strengthen the creative cluster of venues and businesses locally and attract future residential and commercial growth to the area. As a manager of art exhibit space in the very busy Island Savings Centre, CVAC understands the importance of having a secure, monitored and purpose-built facility for the arts. We wholeheartedly support the plan.

Regards,

Susan Down

CVAC President