

May 25, 2007

via electronic mail



The Honourable Murray Coell, M.L.A.
Minister of Advanced Education
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Dear Minister:

I want to thank you again for meeting with us on May 9 to discuss the emerging issue of regional universities and to hear from you that any decisions about regional university designations are still to be made, and that Capilano will be included in those discussions.

Further to that meeting, please find attached a copy of the Board motion formally requesting the designation of Capilano as a regional university, should such be created, and an abbreviated submission outlining our persuasive case. A more complete submission will be prepared over the next few weeks.

Should you or your staff have any questions please direct them to President Lee. I'm certain he will be in touch with your ministry in the near future.

On behalf of the Board of Capilano College, I would like to again thank you for your recognition of the seriousness with which we take this issue

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Linda K. Robertson'.

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WHEREAS Capilano College has been granting degrees for over fifteen (15) years; and

WHEREAS there are presently over one thousand (1000) degree graduates from Capilano whose future prospects depend upon the continued existence of Capilano as a recognized degree granting institution; and

WHEREAS there are currently hundreds of students enrolled in programs which could lead to Capilano degrees and whose future may now be uncertain; and

WHEREAS Capilano is developing new degrees in areas such as Early Childhood Care and Education, Performing Arts, Working with Autistic Children, Film Production; and

WHEREAS Capilano has responsibility for a wide geographical area extending from Deep Cove to Egmont on the Sunshine Coast, to Pemberton, Mt. Currie, Squamish and Whistler; and

WHEREAS Capilano has been asked to offer its degrees in China and has agreements to bring many international students to study in its degree programs in Canada; and

WHEREAS Capilano's international programs inject about \$20 million into the local economy; and

WHEREAS Capilano has long standing campuses on the Sunshine Coast and in Squamish; and

WHEREAS there is no other Regional University in the North Shore-Howe Sound-Sunshine Coast corridor; and

WHEREAS the educational goals and activities of Capilano are indistinguishable from those proposed Regional Universities;

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that if, after consideration of the Campus 2020 report, the government creates Regional Universities, the Board of Capilano College requests the Minister of Advanced Education to designate Capilano College a Regional University.

Adopted by the Board May 15, 2007