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# Okanagan Nation Alliance Ltr to Premier Eby re<sup>s.16</sup>

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From: Erica Clark <Executive.Co@syilx.org>  
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Cc: Minister, FOR FOR:EX <FOR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, ENV ENV:EX <ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, IRR IRR:EX <IRR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, XT:Terbasket, Pauline Okanagan Nation Alliance EAO:IN <Director@syilx.org>  
Sent: January 27, 2023 11:25:58 AM PST  
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Hello Honourable David Eby,

On behalf of the Chiefs of the Syilx Okanagan Nation, attached is a letter in response to<sup>s.16</sup>

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We look forward to discussing this matter with you further, please contact Pauline Terbasket Okanagan Nation Alliance, Executive Director at [director@syilx.org](mailto:director@syilx.org) or by telephone at (250) 707-0095 ext. 214.

**liimlāmt | Thank You**

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## Land Back (Bar Talk Article)

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From: Malcolm Macpherson <MMacPherson@cwilson.com>  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: January 19, 2023 2:53:13 PM PST  
Attachments: image0a83c1.PNG, image84bc5c.PNG, p21\_MalcolmMacpherson\_Oct22\_final.pdf

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Hello David:

It was a pleasure to meet you yesterday in Prince George. As discussed, I represent the Lheidli T'enneh and a number of other First Nations in BC.

Please keep up reminding British Columbians that the land was stolen from the Indigenous people. It is the truth and it makes a difference when the premier of the province speaks that truth.

In the event that my email makes it you, I've enclosed a short Bar Talk article I wrote last fall on the topic of the land back movement in Canada.

I hope to cross paths with you again soon.

Regards,

Malcolm

### Malcolm Macpherson

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## Land Back Movement

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## Letter to the Premier re. Centre for Dyslexia

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Cc: njohnston@fraseracademy.ca, Minister, ECC ECC:EX <ECC.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Dempster, Celeste <Celeste.Dempster@vancouver.ca>, Pavone, Connie <connie.pavone@vancouver.ca>  
Sent: January 16, 2023 5:01:06 PM PST  
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Dear Premier Eby,

Please find attached letter for your consideration. Thank you,

**Ken Sim**

Mayor | City of Vancouver



January 16, 2023.

Dear Premier Eby,

I know you and I share similar goals in regards to improving the lives of British Columbians, and ensuring children reach their full potential.

A person living with dyslexia has higher risks of homelessness, addiction, and mental health challenges – along with literacy challenges that deprive them of opportunity that are intrinsically tied to one's employment, prosperity and success in life.

80 percent of homeless youth, and 50 percent of the homeless population in BC have dyslexia, and that this most prevalent learning disorder affects up to 1 million British Columbians.

Yet, we are lacking in resources to address the challenge. As you know, it is why in 2021 the City of Vancouver committed to begin negotiations of a long-term land lease for a project called the Centre for Dyslexia. I and my colleagues stand behind this decision.

The team behind the project have world-renowned expertise in dyslexia, and their long-term vision for the Centre will have benefits for the entire province.

Our contribution lays the groundwork for the Centre to be realized. While we understand the Centre's leadership is currently starting a fundraising campaign for the estimated \$123M cost of the building, they will need support from government.

I write to you to identify the Centre for Dyslexia as a priority, and for my colleagues and I, ask that your Government consider contributing capital funds to the project.



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This is an important moment for the City of Vancouver and Government of British Columbia to demonstrate leadership for a marginalized and under-served population, who – with our vital support and the right skills the Centre for Dyslexia can enable – are so able to contribute to a healthier society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Sim', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mayor Ken Sim  
City of Vancouver

CC: Honourable Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care  
Neil Johnston, CEO, Fraser Academy

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Sent: February 2, 2023 4:00:15 PM PST  
Great! Thank you so much

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Hello Susan,

Mayor Sim – please request ECC to respond.

Macpherson – no substantive response required. A printed copy of the email and attachment should be passed on to PDE as an FYI item.

ONA – IRR should work with ENV on an immediate response to the substance of the letter. Please have them add myself to the CC list.

Thanks

Don

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## RE: Education mandate letter

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Hi Don,

Just following up on this.

Thank you,  
Kelly

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**From:** Sather, Kelly ECC:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 12:59 PM  
**To:** Bain, Don PREM:EX <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Education mandate letter

Hi Don,

Hope you are well and enjoying the spring weather

I am touching base with regards to Education's mandate letter; specifically second bullet on the third page under '....our gov't has made considerable progress on': 'With teachers and required stakeholders, identify opportunities to expand services and interventions for kids with dyslexia and related learning differences.'

Do you have time for a short call to discuss this item in the letter a bit more? I think I have some history but would appreciate any further context you can offer. Related to this, please see attached for a letter from Mayor Sim that was re-directed to us from PO for response and a draft reply that came up from our program area (no reply has been sent yet).

Thank you,  
Kelly

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