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From: Sandra Wood <sandrawood@twincomm.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 2:23 PM
To: Email - administration@strathconard.ca
Subject: Letter of Support for Noba Anderson's Legal Defense
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TO: SRD Chair & Board of Directors via administration@srd.ca
RE: Letter of Support for Noba Anderson's Legal Defense

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So when local community members rallied to personally donate \$2,700 into Bernie's bank account for the purposes of building of a new room onto the house Noba shares with her husband and baby, for her elderly father to age in place – we did what islanders do to help others in need – bringing out the best of community spirit in action with financial support, building materials, and some volunteer labour.

Cortes Island is inviting the 14 people and their "anonymous" organizers who have raised a legal case against Noba for accepting this heartfelt personal gift towards her father's wellbeing: please join us in building a kinder, more generous, compassionate community who take care of each other by dropping this lawsuit.

I am also asking the SRD Board to support Noba as their member who is under attack from a tiny handful of constituents under the guise of her political opponents. The majority of Cortes Islanders elected her as our Regional Director for another 4 year term, in order for her to do her job I am specifically requesting that the SRD's legal counsel represent her case, or use the SRD's Directors' Insurance to cover her legal fees in defense of democracy.

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