January 17, 2018

Dear Mayor Michelle Staples:

On behalf of Our Cowichan Communities Health Network we would like to congratulate you in your new role as the Mayor of the City of Duncan.

Our Cowichan Communities Health Network stewards the Cowichan Community Action Team (CAT). Our team works together in collaboration with First Responders, RCMP, First Nations, Island Health, Community organizations and local governments to address substance use, the opioid crisis and issues related to mental health and homelessness. Previously Mayor Phil Kent was a liaison member at this table as well as Peter De Verneuil who has participated in many meetings. The leadership and expertise at the table are integral to the success of the work undertaken by the CAT as we work towards improving health outcomes for many who struggle in our communities. The City of Duncan plays a key role in helping us move forward.

We would like to invite you and an alternate representative to join us at the CAT table. If this is a role that you are not able to fulfill, we would like to request that a member from your town council be appointed to this position.

We meet monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Canadian Mental Health Board Room 5878 York Road. The meeting begins at 9 am and ends at 11 am. If you are able to join us or provide a representative from the City of Duncan please contact Cindy Lise at [contact information] and a package providing background information on the Community Action Team will be provided. You may also contact Cindy Lise directly at [contact information].

Sincerely

Cindy Lise,
Regional Facilitator