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As anyone who has paid attention to my constituency work will know, I have a deep passion for convening community conversations and supporting the not-for-profit landscape on Cortes Island. During my 11 years in office, I have found various ways of bringing parties from the not-for-profit sector together to collaboratively inform me on issues and to create initiatives together. For many years, I have been interested in bringing this sector together in increasingly rich ways.

I am delighted to share with you that, in conjunction with the deeply community-minded leadership of the relatively newly formed Cortes Island Foundation, at the end of September I co-hosted the Island's first Cortes Social Profit Forum. Over 30 people attended, representing over 30 community organizations, including all but one invited group. There was much enthusiasm for finding ways of continuing this collaborative work into the future and to this I remain dedicated.

The Foundation will soon be releasing a more fulsome report from the day for circulation to the attendees, but I wanted to share with the Board this simple high-level overview. I have attached for your information a public article released by the Foundation after the forum.

In gratitude for this work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Noba Anderson", written over a thin horizontal line.

Noba Anderson, Regional Director

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Cortes Social Profit Forum Community Update

As the newly formed Cortes Island Foundation, it was an honour to convene the first ever, and long imagined, Cortes Social Profit Forum on September 28th of this year.

The term 'social profit' is used to describe organizations of many types that return a social profit to society rather than a financial profit to shareholders. At the Forum, over 50 people, representing over 30 community groups, shared a day of learning, sharing and co-creating. Representatives from all invited groups but one were present! We are SO grateful to all that spent the day with us, and the positivity and curiosity that people brought with them. Above all, it became apparent how all the groups, working in service of our community, are parts of a larger whole.

The day started with an introduction to the Foundation and our mission to build a culture of philanthropy in support of community priorities. Many great questions were asked and we truly received excellent input that will be incorporated into these early days of our formation.

After that, we did some exercises that gave us all a really good sense of who was in the room and what strengths and needs were commonly shared. Everyone together created a wall representing all the local organizations and their respective projects. Although the image is white-on-white, we urge you to take some time looking at how many groups serve us all!

We spent the afternoon answering some big picture questions such as 'how can we better engage youth in community work?' and 'how will our work be affected by climate change?' and 'what can we do through cooperation that we are not able to do well alone?' We will be compiling a report from the Forum to share back with all participants and their respective organizations and there was certainly interest to continue to gather in more informal ways over the winter.

We offer great gratitude to all the groups present. We commit to making this an annual event and look forward to a collaborative future together. If you are interested in learning more about the CIF, or getting involved, please contact us by email at [cortesfoundation\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:cortesfoundation(at)gmail.com).

Warmly,

the Cortes Island Foundation Board

Deepa Narayan, Jodi Peters, Mark Spevakow, De Clark, Christina MacWilliam, Ian Watson & David Rousseau.

Cortes Social Profit Groups present:

Klahoose First Nation

Registered Charities:

Cortes Community Health Association

Cortes Island Firefighting Association

Cortes Island Museum and Archives Society

Cortes Island Senior's Society

Forest Trust for the Children of Cortes Island Society

Friends of Cortes Island Society

Hollyhock

Linnaea Farm Society

Southern Cortes Community Association

Formal Societies:

Cortes Community Economic Development Association

Cortes Island Foundation

Cortes Island Radio

Cortes Island Seafood Association

Harbour Authority of Cortes Island

Whaletown Community Club

Committees/projects of another organization:

Cortes Housing Initiative

Cortes Island Emergency Social Services

Cortes Literacy Now / Folk U

Cortes School Parent Advisory Council
Cortes Women's Resource Centre
Old School House gallery
Reel Youth

Informal groups:

Cortes Cat Rescue
Cortes Food Bank
Free Store
Lovefest

Co-ops:

Cortes Community Forest Co-op
Cortes Craft Co-op (invited but not present)
Cortes Natural Food Co-op
Island Car Share Co-op

Corporations:

Community Forest General Partnership

Special Guest:

Surge Narrows Community Association & Discover Island Ecosystem Mapping



