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**Dorothy Sly, Canadian Federation of University Women, re Support of
KAIROS Resolution to the RDN Board.**

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The Board of Directors, Regional District of Nanaimo
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Dear Board Members,

I am writing to you as president of the Parksville/Qualicum club of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW). Our federation is comprised of 120 clubs across Canada, with over 10,000 university-graduate members. Currently the Parksville/Qualicum club has 72 active members.

We understand that a KAIROS resolution is being presented for your consideration at your March 14 board meeting. KAIROS has asked Canadian municipalities to assist in its effort to have the federal government recognize water as a common good and access to drinking water as a basic human right. We understand that, to date, 123 local governments across Canada have adopted this position.

We are writing to support the intent of the KAIROS resolution and to urge the RDN to adopt it. We do so because the resolution is congruent with the stated policy of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW). CFUW policy states that water is a non-renewable natural resource of paramount importance which belongs to the Canadian public, and that its use must be regulated by Canadian governments in the long-term public interest. It also urges the implementation of sustainable and prudent water management to respond to long-term regional needs with due regard to the ecosystem and hydro-geological reality. It promotes the conservation and efficient use of surface water and ground water.

Our club, through its Environment Committee, is aware of the RDN's initiatives and projects which have been adopted under the Regional Growth Strategy to support its vision of a more sustainable region. We think particularly of the Drinking Water/Watershed Protection in the RDN, the WaterSmart initiative, the upgrading of bylaws to reflect the need for more stringent watering restrictions and the bylaw changes that allow Bylaw Enforcement staff to follow up on water use contrary to regulations. We commend the RDN for its vision and actions, and are confident that you will give the Kairos resolution your whole-hearted support.

Yours sincerely,

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cc CFUW Legislation Chair
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