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Sent via email: eric.pelkey@wsanec.com

June 23, 2021

WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council  
c/o Eric Pelkey, Community Engagement Coordinator  
800b Stellys Cross Road  
Saanichton, BC V8M 1J4

Dear Eric Pelkey,

**Re: PKOLS – Mt Douglas**

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Thank you for your email of June 19 to Saanich Mayor and Council regarding the renaming of Mount Douglas Park to PKOLS.

Your letter is appreciated and respected. Council further understands the significance of renaming Mount Douglas Park to PKOLS to the WSÁNEĆ First Nations culture. The renaming process is in place with Saanich's strategic plan and is in the process of going forward.

As a Council we have placed interest and emphasis on building relationship with WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council Nations. The very successful Cordova Bay Local Area Plan (LAP) was importantly informed by discussion, engagement and input from the Leadership Council. That LAP will be considered for adoption by Saanich Council shortly.

Arising out of the LAP process Council directed Saanich Staff to engage with Staff at the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council on the development of a MOU agreement to further our relationship building and reconciliation actions. I am advised that those discussions at the respective Staff levels have been very productive and the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council and Saanich Council can expect to come together in the near future to finalize the draft MOU developed by Staff. I am also advised that the renaming of the renaming of Mount Douglas Park to PKOLS is included within the actions for implementation being brought forward with the MOU.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Haynes", written over a horizontal line.

Fred Haynes  
Mayor

cc: Saanich Council  
Saanich Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee



# WSÁNEĆ LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

ENHANCING RECOGNITION OF, AND RESPECT  
FOR, WSÁNEĆ DOUGLAS TREATY RIGHTS AND  
WSÁNEĆ ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND TITLE

Saanich Mayor and Council

June 19, 2021

770 Vernon Ave

Victoria BC V8X 2W7

Dear Mayor and Council;

Re ; PKOLS – Mt Douglas

It has now been 8 years since I led the March up PKOLS to restore the sacred name to our mountain.

PKOLS as a vitally important place in the history of the WSÁNEĆ Nation.

In the spirit of UNDRIP and reconciliation with First Nations and especially the people with which the municipality shares its name we ask you to formally adopt the name PKOLS for Mt Douglas Park. We have no problem with keeping reference to Sir James Douglas for his part of our history.

*HÍŠKWE, - "Thank You"*

**Eric Pelkey,**  
*Community Engagement Coordinator*  
**WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council**  
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