

February 5, 2015

Glen Lawrence, Chair BHI
Beaver Hills Initiative
c/o Strathcona County
Planning & Development Services
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Re: Letter of Support for the Beaver Hills Initiative (BHI) – Biosphere Nomination

Dear Mr. Chairman

Please accept this letter as a formal confirmation of our support of the Beaver Hills Initiative's nomination to have the Beaver Hills designated as a Biosphere Reserve under UNESCO's "Man and Biosphere" Program.

Since 2002, _____ has strongly supported the vision, mission and guiding principles of the BHI. Biosphere Reserve designation of the Beaver Hills will give international recognition to the importance of the area as a distinctive landscape and endorsement of what the BHI has achieved to-date in promoting a bioregional and sustainable approach to land-use planning and demonstrating the advantages of living and working in harmony with nature. The opportunity that is provided for the BHI to become an active contributor to finding solutions to environmentally significant global issues by becoming a member of an international network of Biosphere Reserves is also seen as being very valuable and commendable.

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in this important regionally based and anticipated internationally recognized project.

Sincerely