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Community Gaming Grant Committee

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Dear Community Gaming Grants Committee:

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TRANSITION SALT SPRING – CLIMATE ACTION COACH PROGRAM**

As the Capital Regional District (CRD) Director for Salt Spring Island, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Transition Salt Spring's application to the BC Community Gaming Grants program. Transition Salt Spring plays an essential role in advancing local climate action and community resilience, and the CRD has been proud to provide support for their initiatives over the past several years.

Specifically, the CRD has partnered with and provided funding to Transition Salt Spring in several key areas that directly strengthen their Climate Action Coach Program:

- **Rethink Waste Grants** (2023 and 2024) have enabled Transition Salt Spring to host ongoing **Repair Cafés, toy swaps, and clothing swaps**, reducing waste, extending the life of products, and engaging residents in hands-on climate solutions.
- **Water Conservation Incentives:** CRD funding has supported homeowner adoption of **rainwater catchment systems**, a vital adaptation measure for our island's increasingly dry summers and water supply challenges.
- **Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) Funding** has been directed to Transition Salt Spring to expand their **Lighter Living education and engagement activities**. These include motivational video series featuring local islanders, social media campaigns, and community workshops that encourage practical climate action by citizens.

These investments have multiplied the impact of Transition Salt Spring's programs, helping residents shift to more sustainable practices and adapt to climate change realities. The Climate Action Coach Program, in particular, builds on this momentum by providing tailored guidance and encouragement for individuals and households to make lasting changes.

The CRD values Transition Salt Spring as a trusted partner in delivering on our climate action goals. Their work is both innovative and deeply rooted in community, and we strongly support their application to the BC Community Gaming Grants Branch.

Thank you for considering this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely,

Gary Holman,

Director, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area