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To whom it may concern:

RE: MAHON HALL REVITALIZATION - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

I am writing to express my support for the Mahon Hall revitalization project, led by Salt Spring Arts Council (SSAC), which seeks funding for the Project Development Phase for this important cultural facility.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has extensive experience in operating and maintaining community centres across the region, providing a wide range of recreation, cultural, and social programming. Through its various local services, the CRD manages facilities that serve both urban and rural communities, ensuring they meet local needs and safety standards. This experience has established effective systems for facility management, community engagement, and program delivery tailored to diverse populations.

The SSAC builds and nurtures the creative capacity of Salt Spring Island. Mahon Hall is a historic landmark in Ganges, a cultural facility that contributes significantly to the island's creative and tourism sectors. As steward of Mahon Hall, SSAC is planning a revitalization of the building, maintaining the Hall's heritage character, while improving safety, accessibility, energy efficiency and ensuring that this critical facility continues to sustain and support Salt Spring Island's arts community and cultural economy.

I recognize the important role Mahon Hall plays in supporting economic resilience, cultural vitality, and social cohesion. Revitalizing this Hall not only preserves a key piece of Salt Spring Island's heritage but also strengthens the Island's economic and social fabric.

- Mahon Hall is a cherished community hall and landmark
- Revitalization will ensure that the building continues to serve our community as a vibrant cultural hub and arts facility
- Modernizing the Mahon Hall will improve it as a multifunctional facility for diverse art forms
- The project will improve accessibility and safety of the Mahon Hall for all users

I strongly support Salt Spring Arts Council's efforts to secure funding for the planning phase of this project and look forward to participating as the project develops.

Sincerely,

Gary Holman
CRD Electoral Area Director, Salt Spring Island