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Rural Economic Diversification
and Infrastructure Program (REDIP)

Via email: Janey Rowland jrowland@sgicomcommunityresources.ca

Dear REDIP Board:

**RE: SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE SOCIETY –
HOUSING NOW: COMMUNITY HOUSING OPERATIONS MODEL**

The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) is pleased to enthusiastically support REDIP's approval of Housing NOW's Community Housing Operations Model (CHOM).

We have watched with interest as Housing NOW has worked hard to address our regional housing crisis. The LCC has also supported Housing NOW's efforts to create a Salt Spring-specific approach to increase housing availability here.

Having supported Housing NOW for some years, the LCC is pleased to have the opportunity to write this letter of support for their new CHOM, in hopes that you will approve it through your REDIP development stream. With your support, this new regional housing model offers the planning and operational framework necessary to enhance and stabilize housing options for our essential workers.

As you know, the shortage of worker housing makes it extremely difficult to recruit and retain essential members of our community, including teachers, service providers, and healthcare workers. This difficulty in housing our workers negatively impacts Salt Spring as well as all of our other island communities.

We are intrigued by the CHOM created by Housing NOW and, with your help, have high hopes that it will provide the needed tools to increase the availability and stability of housing for our workers. Please approve this promising new model.

Sincerely,

Earl Rook
Chair,
Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Gary Holman
CRD Electoral Area Director,
Salt Spring Island