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Community Gaming Grant Committee
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Victoria, BC V8W 9T6

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE SOCIETY – GRANT APPLICATION

As the elected Director for the Southern Gulf Islands with the Capital Regional District, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House Society (SGINH) in their application for a Community Gaming Grant. The Neighbourhood House plays a critical role in supporting the health, resilience, and social well-being of residents across the Southern Gulf Islands.

From my work across the region, I have seen the important impact SGINH has on both individuals and the broader community. Their programs address key challenges faced by rural island communities including social isolation, limited access to services, transportation barriers, and the need for safe, supportive spaces for seniors and youth.

The seniors' programs offered by SGINH, including "Computer Savvy Seniors" and "Fifty-Five Plus Connections," bring vital connection and learning opportunities to older adults, many of whom are aging in place and living in remote or isolated settings. These programs help residents remain engaged, confident, and connected to their community.

SGINH's youth programs also offer essential support, mentorship, and access to skill-building activities for young people who often lack local opportunities. These programs contribute to long-term community sustainability by building confidence, leadership, and engagement among the next generation of island residents.

I strongly support SGINH's application for Community Gaming Grant funding. Their programs are inclusive, community-focused, and aligned with regional priorities related to health, well-being, and resilience. Continued funding will ensure that their services remain available to those who rely on them and will strengthen the fabric of our island communities.

Best regards,



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