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The Honourable Gregor Robertson  
Minister of Housing and Infrastructure of Canada  
Parliament Buildings  
Ottawa, Ontario  
**Via email:** [minister-ministre@infc.gc.ca](mailto:minister-ministre@infc.gc.ca)

Dear Minister Robertson:

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SALT SPRING ISLAND RV PARK FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

As the locally elected Capital Regional District (CRD) Director for Salt Spring Island, I'm writing in support of funding to assist in the design and development of an innovative affordable housing project on Salt Spring Island.

As you may know, Salt Spring Island is experiencing a housing crisis that is forcing many workers to live in recreation vehicles or other precarious housing, often in inappropriate, poorly serviced, and even unsafe locations. This proposal offers an opportunity to establish a safe, well managed site, providing up to 50 affordable and fully serviced RV and manufactured home pads on a not for profit, cost recovery basis.

The project would cover a small portion of a large land parcel (already subdividable for market housing and suites), on a scheduled transit route for which further service improvements are planned. Shared infrastructure, such as water treatment and sewage facilities, laundromat, club house and common garden will create a true community atmosphere. Protection of the natural features of the property, will provide onsite recreation opportunities and buffer any visual impacts on neighbours.

The recent decision by the BC government to put a hold on funding for affordable housing compounds the barriers of high land and construction costs on Salt Spring Island. The creation of fully serviced pads for relatively low-cost RVs or manufactured homes on a non-profit basis eliminates the need for substantial grant funding. It also offers the opportunity for workers and other families to build equity and upgrade over time from RVs to manufactured or modular homes. Housing agreements will ensure priority for local residents and that a fair share of the equity accumulated over time will accrue to the non-profit for re-investment on the site or for affordable housing.

This project offers a unique opportunity to provide safe, secure and temporary accommodation, with the potential for more permanent housing. Advancing this project will require other agencies to re-zone the property and supply domestic water. We understand that discussions between the applicant and the applicable agencies have occurred, and a level of support exists for this project to progress.

In response to the housing crisis on Salt Spring Island, the CRD and Islands Trust are making best efforts to allow for unconventional housing. However, your financial support is essential for the success of this innovative project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gary Holman", positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Gary Holman  
Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director, Capital Regional District

