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Department of Canadian Heritage
Building Communities through Arts and Heritage
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To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: NORTH GALIANO COMMUNITY HALL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ARTS AND HERITAGE**

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the North Galiano Community Association's grant application to the Building Communities through Arts and Heritage program for financial support for the 100th anniversary celebration of the North Galiano Community Hall.

As the Capital Regional District (CRD) Electoral Area Director for the Southern Gulf Islands, I recognize the importance of community halls as essential gathering places in our island communities. The North Galiano Community Hall has served North Galiano for a century, first as the North Galiano School and later as a valued community hall. Its history reflects the resilience, independence and community spirit that continue to define Galiano Island.

The proposed "Back to School" Centennial Celebration, planned for August 29, 2027, is directly connected to this important anniversary. It appropriately honours the building's original role as a schoolhouse, while also celebrating its ongoing purpose as a place for community connection, cultural expression, learning and shared history.

This anniversary is especially meaningful because the original school allowed local children to be educated in their own community. That is a significant and positive part of North Galiano's history and deserves to be recognized, preserved and shared.

The planned activities, including historical displays, community performances, Indigenous ceremony and cultural recognition, a permanent commemorative installation, and intergenerational participation, will provide meaningful opportunities for residents and visitors to reflect on the past 100 years.

The North Galiano Community Association has a long-standing record of supporting community life and maintaining this important public gathering space. I believe the project will provide lasting cultural, historical and community benefit.

Best regards



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cc: Stephen Henderson, General Manager, Electoral Area Services, CRD