



November 20, 2025

The Honourable Christine Boyle
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
British Columbia

Dear Minister,

Salt Spring Island was honoured by the energy and focus you brought to our community with your visit on October 15. Not only was it meaningful to have such a deep exchange with you about the housing challenges we face, but it also felt like the start of a warm and productive partnership in finding solutions to the many impediments we face in providing affordable housing for the resilient community we envision.

We are grateful to you for taking the time to meet with our collective of elected officials, staff and community leaders who are working together to make real progress on Salt Spring, with an eye toward being a model for solutions that will be effective for other struggling communities in BC.

Thank you for your interest and curiosity, your active listening and inquiry, and your promise of collaborating with our provincial representatives so we can take advantage of the great work they're doing on issues that rise above the bounds of our local and regional governance.

We look forward to your next visit! We hope that Salt Spring now seems to you as full of possibilities and solutions, and we will work hard to deserve your continued championing of our community.

With deep gratitude,

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