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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: STURDIES BAY TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – GRANT APPLICATION

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Capital Regional District's application to the Outdoor Recreation Fund of British Columbia for the Sturdies Bay Trail Improvements Project.

The Sturdies Bay Trail is an important outdoor recreation asset on Galiano Island, widely used by residents and visitors for walking, hiking, and access to nearby recreation facilities. As demand for outdoor recreation continues to grow in the Southern Gulf Islands, maintaining and improving safe, accessible trail infrastructure is essential to supporting healthy and vibrant communities.

The proposed project directly aligns with the Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC's objectives by enhancing an existing trail through professional maintenance, improved visibility at trailheads, and targeted safety upgrades at roadway and school-site crossings. Repairs to eroded and currently impassable sections of the trail will ensure it can safely accommodate a diverse range of users while protecting the surrounding environment through responsible trail design and drainage improvements.

These improvements will enhance safety and accessibility while supporting responsible outdoor recreation and reinforcing the trail's role in sustainable tourism and local economic activity. Clearer trail access points and more reliable trail conditions will encourage participation in outdoor recreation by residents, students, seniors, families, and visitors, including those who may face barriers to participation.

From a regional perspective, this project strengthens community well-being, supports sustainable outdoor recreation, and contributes to the long-term resilience of Galiano Island's trail network. I strongly support this initiative and encourage the Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC to consider it for funding.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Brent', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Paul Brent
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