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Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust  
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**Via email: [info@ssifarmlandtrust.org](mailto:info@ssifarmlandtrust.org)**

Dear Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust:

**RE: BURGOYNE VALLEY COMMUNITY COMPOSTER ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT**

I am writing on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) to express support for the zoning bylaw amendment application by the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust to permit off-farm distribution of compost produced at the Burgoyne Valley Community Composter. This proposal represents a modest, site-specific adjustment that would allow an existing and fully operational agricultural facility to function as intended, while remaining consistent with the Islands Trust mandate and the Agricultural Land Reserve regulations.

The community composting facility provides clear benefits to Salt Spring Island, including support for local agriculture, improved soil health, increased waste diversion, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions associated with off-island disposal. Aligning local zoning with provincial permissions will strengthen food security, support a circular local economy, and help ensure the long-term financial sustainability of this important piece of agricultural infrastructure.

The proposed amendment does not introduce new development or increase processing capacity and is well suited to its agricultural setting. For these reasons, the LCC believe the application is reasonable, appropriate and in the public interest.

Sincerely,

Earl Rook  
Chair, Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

cc: Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission  
Stephen Henderson, General Manager, Electoral Area Services, CRD