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**Re: Letter of Support for "Connected Coast Project", CityWest and SRD Submarine fiber optic cable installation, landings & related telecom Infrastructure**

I am writing on behalf of the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee to express the Local Trust Committee's support for the Connected Coast Project, CityWest, and the Strathcona Regional District's applications for the installation of submarine cables, landing sites, and related telecom infrastructure within the Gambier Island Local Trust Area. We are working with the proponent to address any zoning concerns prior to installation.



Map showing proposed cable location

This project will enable our residents and visitors to have reliable and affordable access to high-speed internet and related telecom services, which are vital in today's high-tech connected world. Health care, education, business, and other services are increasingly dependent on such access for growth and prosperity as well as safety and security.

***Preserving and protecting over 450 islands and surrounding waters in the Salish Sea***

Bowen Denman Hornby Gabriola Galiano Gambier Lasqueti Mayne North Pender Salt Spring Saturna South Pender Thetis

We look forward to supporting your efforts and are happy to work with you to facilitate high-speed internet access for Keats Island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Luckham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Peter Luckham  
Chair, Gambier Island Local Trust Committee

cc: Gambier Island Local Trust Committee  
Christina Owen, Project Coordinator, Baylink  
Islands Trust Executive Committee  
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