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Via email: sramsay@bchousing.org

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Re: Letter of Support for the Hornby Island Housing Society and Beulah Creek Village Project

I am writing on behalf of the elected Hornby Island Local Trust Committee. As the governing agency responsible for land use planning on Hornby Island, the Local Trust Committee has specifically supported the Hornby Island Housing Society and Beulah Creek Village by initiating and approving the required rezoning over previous terms.

Our role in supporting housing diversity and security is focused on ensuring that our zoning regulations include appropriate options for a variety of housing, advocacy in support of senior government decisions that support sustainable island communities, and responding to housing applications. We look forward to considering an application for a development permit for this project, and to receiving an application for a siting and use permit for staff to consider. As well, the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee encourages the Hornby Island Housing Society and Beulah Creek Village Project to engage and collaborate with First Nations with treaty and territorial rights on Hornby Island to ensure the project is guided by principles of reconciliation and preservation of cultural heritage areas.

The Hornby Island Local Trust Committee has been aware of the unmet need for secure, attainable housing for many years, both anecdotally and through evidence reported in numerous studies. Most recently, the 2018 [Housing Needs Assessment, Northern Region of Islands Trust Report](#) was commissioned by the Islands Trust. This report starkly illustrated the difficult housing situations that many people on Hornby Island were experiencing. Unfortunately the situation has not improved.

In December, the elected 26-member Islands Trust Council affirmed a housing equity and workforce shortage crisis exists in many of the islands within the Trust Area.

The Hornby Island community has been keen to see attainable housing created at Beulah Creek for many years and was heartened in 2017, with BC Housing's announcement of the capital grant to the Hornby Island Housing Society, that the project could finally be funded and completed. Families have been excited to imagine that they would be able to move in to affordable, secure homes.

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We appreciate the efforts of BC Housing and Hornby Island Housing Society partner, M'akola Housing Society, have put into the project so far and encourage BC Housing to prioritize this project.

Sincerely,



Sue Ellen Fast
Chair, Hornby Island Local Trust Committee

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