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February 20, 2020

3020-20-MRDT Support

Via Email: HDallas@bimbc.ca

Hope Dallas
Bowen Island Municipality
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Bowen Island BC, V0N 1G2

Dear Hope Dallas:

RE: Letter of Support for Bowen Island MRDT Application

The Executive Committee of the Islands Trust Council met on February 5, 2020 to consider the request from Bowen Island Municipality to provide a letter of support in regard to their application for the Municipal & Regional District Tax (MRDT) program.

Bowen Island Municipality is applying for the MRDT with a desired effective date of January 1, 2020. We understand that the designated accommodation area will be all of Bowen Island, with a requested tax rate of 3%. We further understand that the MRDT revenue will go towards tourism marketing, programs and projects, as well as affordable housing initiatives within the municipality.

Bowen Island Municipality has a special relationship with the Islands Trust that is set out in its Letters Patent and the *Islands Trust Act*. Bowen Island Municipality must have regard for the preserve and protect Object of the Trust when adopting a bylaw or issuing a permit or license, must submit its Official Community Plan (OCP) bylaws for approval and refer non-OCP bylaws that include a reference to a matter included in the Islands Trust Policy Statement. The Islands Trust and Bowen Island Municipality also have a Protocol Agreement that describes the principles and processes that underpin our positive relationship.

On February 5, 2020, the Executive Committee resolved as follows:

That Executive Committee request staff to work with the Chair to send a letter of support to Bowen Island Municipality regarding the Municipal & Regional District Tax program.

We wish Bowen Island Municipality success with this request.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Luckham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "P" being particularly large and stylized.

Peter Luckham
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