



1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2N8
Telephone **(250) 537-9114** Fax (250) 537-9116

Toll Free via Enquiry BC in Vancouver (604) 660-2421.
Elsewhere in BC **1-800-663-7867**

Email ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca

Web www.islandstrust.bc.ca

3 October 2023

File No: 11-5770-30-10

Via e-mail: HOUS.minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing
Room 248 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Re: Homes for People Action Plan Secondary Suite Incentive Program

Dear Minister Kahlon,

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (SS LTC) passed the following resolution on September 23, 2023.

“Whereas Salt Spring Island, a community with a resident population of about 12,000, is experiencing an extreme shortage of available and affordable workforce housing that is impacting the operations of its hospital, schools, ferry routes, and businesses.

Whereas the Salt Spring Island LTC (SSI LTC), like so many BC communities, anticipated being included in relevant Homes for People actions.

Whereas the SSI LTC was disappointed to learn that only properties within one of the 161 incorporated municipalities are eligible for the Secondary Suite Incentive Program, as announced on September 18, 2023.

Therefore be it resolved, that the SSI LTC: 1) request staff to urgently prepare a letter from the LTC chair to the BC Housing Minister expressing the LTC's disappointment for Salt Spring Island residents being ineligible for the Secondary Suite Incentive Program and requesting this oversight be remedied and to request that Salt Spring be included within other Homes for People Actions suitable to rural island communities; and 2) request Trust Council to add a late item to its September 2023 meeting agenda an item to discuss advocating to the Province for Homes for People Actions that support rural island communities.”

On behalf of the SS LTC I am expressing the disappointment for Salt Spring Island residents being ineligible for the Secondary Suite Incentive Program and requesting this oversight be remedied and to request that Salt Spring be included within other Homes for People Actions suitable to rural island communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Correspondence sent to ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca is the

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

best way to ensure correspondence reaches the SS LTC.

Yours sincerely,



Timothy Peterson
Chair, Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee
Islands Trust

Cc: The Honourable Teri Collins, MLA, Deputy Minister of Housing
Adam Olsen, MLA, Saanich North and the Islands
Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee
Islands Trust Executive Committee
Islands Trust website