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Re: Letter of Support for the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) and Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation (HICEEC) feasibility funding application to the Provincial Government's CONNECTING BRITISH COLUMBIA PROGRAM, Connectivity Infrastructure Strategy to improve internet services on Denman Island.

To whom it may concern,

The Denman Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) is aware that, via the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD), DIRA and HICEEC are pursuing access to third party funding to offset the cost of hiring a telecommunications consultant to assist with their rural and remote community connectivity planning. At the June 6, 2019 meeting of the Denman Island LTC, the following resolution was passed:

DE-2019-058

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee request the Chair to issue a letter of support for the feasibility funding application for internet connectivity services to Denman Island.

CARRIED

The LTC recognizes the need for improved internet connection on Denman Island for several reasons including the facilitation of emergency preparedness services, educational opportunities, and conducting business.

*Preserving **Island** communities, culture and environment*

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

Denman Island's Official Community Plan, the policy document that guides land use planning on the island, reflects the community's interest in supporting economic activities, educational facilities, and emergency services on the Island:

Section E.2 Economic Activities - Objectives

Objective 1 To encourage a variety of economic activities to support a diverse community, and to provide an environment that supports creation and manufacture of local products and opportunities for self-employment and self-reliance.

Section D.1 Services, Education and Culture - Objectives

Objective 1 To support the provision of emergency services and educational and cultural facilities on Denman Island.

As the local government responsible for land use planning on Denman Island, the LTC strongly supports the work of DIRA and HICEEC and their efforts to secure funding to pursue solutions for improved internet connectivity for the Denman Community.

Sincerely,



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