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Baylink Networks  
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Dear Darren Dofher,

**Re: Connected Coast – Gabriola Local Trust Committee Letter of Support**

On behalf of the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee (LTC), thank you for attending our Local Trust Committee meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

As Chair of the Gabriola Island LTC and pursuant to a motion passed at the June 17, 2021 meeting, I am pleased to provide you with this letter of support for the landing of the Connected Coast high speed internet cable on Gabriola Island. This support is provided on the understanding and condition that the concurrence of the Snuneymuxw First Nation is obtained regarding the location and methodology of the “landing”. The foreshore of Gabriola is an area subject to the treaty and territorial rights and title of the Snuneymuxw First Nations and is an area which contains many cultural and harvesting areas for the Snuneymuxw and other Coast Salish Peoples, its protection and preservation is critical.

During our conversation at the LTC meeting, it was identified that the south bound leg of the Connected Coast cable will pass immediately adjacent to both Mudge and De Courcy Islands. On behalf of the LTC, I urge you to consider providing an “off ramp” and landing to these two islands that have historically had challenges with connectivity to the internet as well as challenges with cell service. A high speed link could go some way to assisting with this issue. We can provide more information regarding the islands if needed, including community contacts. I recognize that connections to those islands are not in your current plans but also understand those plans may have some flexibility.

Good luck with your project.

Regards,

Daniel Rogers  
Chair, Gabriola Local Trust Committee

cc: David Leitch, CAO, Strathcona Regional District  
The Honourable Lisa Beare Minister of Citizens' Services  
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