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Vincent Tong
Chief Executive Officer
BC Housing

Via email: HousingHub@bchousing.org

Dear Vincent Tong:

Re: Letter of Support for BC Housing Funding Applications for Affordable Housing Projects on Mayne, North Pender and Denman Islands

On behalf of Islands Trust Council, I wish to extend our support for three Community Housing Fund applications that are currently with BC Housing for consideration. They are:

- Mayne Island: Salish Grove affordable housing project which proposes to add 10 units
- North Pender: Plum Tree Court <https://www.penderhousing.ca/expansion>
- Denman: Denman Green affordable housing project <https://denmanhousing.ca/denman-green/> which will add 20 units of affordable housing

In the Islands Trust Area, there is a pressing need for accessible and affordable housing options, especially for seniors, families, persons with disabilities, and workforce members who are finding it especially difficult to find suitable housing.

Trust Council recognizes the significant positive impact these projects could have by allowing seniors to age in place, families to have a safe and nurturing environment for their children to grow, persons with disabilities to have suitable housing, and workers to be able to accept employment on the islands because they can find housing. These benefits are critical to the viability of our isolated rural island communities.

Given the very positive impact of these affordable housing projects on all three islands, Islands Trust Council would like to convey its strong support for these projects and urges you to fund all three.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Luckham
Chair, Islands Trust Council
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