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**To:** Laura Busheikin; Sandy Pottle; George Harris; Robert Kojima; Kim Stockdill  
**Subject:** letter of support  
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Hello,

As promised, attached is the letter I referred today at the Galiano Local Trust meeting.

best to you all

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6 November 2016

To: Laura Bushekin, GLTC Chair, Sandy Pottle, Galiano Island Trustee, George Harris, Galiano Island Trustee

CC: Kim Stockdill, IT Planner, Robert Kojima, Senior IT Planner

**RE: Crystal Mountain Rezoning Application**

This application has my full support. For the past 6 years, I have been involved with the Crystal Mountain Society as a volunteer, a member of the society and a participant in the retreats that the Society has sponsored both here on Galiano Island and elsewhere.

I believe this rezoning application should be approved for many reasons, including:

- Crystal Mountain Society is a good neighbour. The qualities of this area that are important to CMS are shared by the neighbours – peace and quiet, undisturbed forest, abundant wildlife, desire to protect the ecosystems through covenant, the wish to step lightly on the land.
- CMS wants to be a good neighbour in the future. Efforts have been made to listen to the neighbours, respond to concerns and questions as well as adapt the application to respond to concerns. CMS values harmony with others.
- CMS is concerned with protecting watersheds, ecosystems and the forest in general. The Society is prepared to covenant a large portion of the land, relinquish building rights to Lot 9 to protect an old growth cedar forest, and restore parts of a heavily logged portion of Lot A.
- Neighbours who access the land now will continue to be able to walk through the forests they love with agreements about frequency and location.
- The benefits to the economy of Galiano are numerous: the Society purchases food, gas, propane and other materials from local businesses as well as hiring local trades people to help with various projects. CMS also has rented houses for retreats. Participants shop locally, purchasing from local businesses and crafts people.

Crystal Mountain Society provides a unique opportunity to have a quiet, peaceful spot, surrounded by nature, for people to restore, renew and contemplate, all benefits to the local community and the larger community of BC and beyond.

It is an unusual rezoning application. Crystal Mountain is not asking for subdivision nor will benefit from the sale of property. Quite the contrary, CMS

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wants to preserve and protect the land for the future enjoyment of those interested in the study of mediation and the practice of quiet contemplation.

Please consider this as you make your decisions regarding this rezoning application. The benefit of a meditation retreat is incalculable and worthy of your positive support.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McPhee