

To: Islands Trust

David Maude, Aaron Campbell, Deb Morrison, Brad Smith
Islands Trust
200–1627 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8R 1H8

**Re: Support for Big Dig Em's Continued Use of Current Yard Location on Pender Island 3334
Port Washington Road. Application – Bigham PLRZ20240110**

Dear Islands Trust Representatives,

I am writing to express my full support for **Big Dig Em** and their continued use of their current yard location on Pender Island.

As a previous North Pender Island resident and business owner on Port Washington rd. I have witnessed firsthand the valuable services that Big Dig Em provides to our community. Their excavation, contracting, and infrastructure support work is essential for local homeowners, businesses, and public projects. They are a trusted and dependable part of the island's service network.

The current yard location is not only well-established, but also appropriate for the nature of their operations. It is situated in an area that already includes several industrial and service-related businesses such as Emcon Highways, BC Hydro, Eco Source Septic, and Home Hardware. This makes Big Dig Em's presence compatible with the character of the neighborhood.

Additionally, there is very limited industrial-zoned land available on Pender Island. Relocating a business like Big Dig Em would be extremely challenging and may jeopardize their ability to continue operating effectively. Supporting their use of this location is a practical and community-focused decision.

Big Dig Em has operated with professionalism and care, and I believe their presence at this site is a benefit—not a burden—to the island. I urge Islands Trust to recognize their value and support their continued use of the existing yard.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Blair Higgs