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Subject: Rezoning Application PLRZ20240110 (Bigham) / 3334 Port Washington Road

I am writing this email in support of the zoning change requested under the Bigham application for 3334 Port Washington Road.

Having been on the island for over 52 years I am very familiar with the history of this location and area. The Pender Home Hardware Lumber location which is now located next to the applicant's address was created in the early 70's – I had the privilege of providing professional accounting & auditing services to the various lumberyard owners over the years before I retired.

The property under rezoning application was designated years ago to be light industrial in the OCP. Other important community resources such as B.C. Hydro, Emcom Highways Contractor are located nearby. Another adjacent property owner contracts the lower portion of their similar property to Eco Source Septic a local septic service to Penders. There is very limited suitable properties to support these critical services for the Penders.

Having provided volunteer work to all Provincial governments for over 35 years (just completed late last year being a special advisor to BC Health minister for 6 years) I am very aware and sensitive of decision makers needing to consider and meet the needs and all issues before making changes.

I believe that this rezoning application is the right compelling solution and approach for the Pender communities.

Big Dig Em is an important service to all property owners on both North & South Pender Islands. Big Dig Em has supported enhanced construction quality outcomes for many of us by providing the right improvement approaches to many aspects of island life such as driveways, water lines creation and critical service to keep such assets working, home and business site excavation and preparations etc. Big Dig Em through their expertise has always supported the two island community property owners for decades to act responsibly and correctly to help each project enhance the unique Pender attributes. Individuals who are new to the Penders benefit from Big Dig Em's caring advice to the correct actions for any projects being considered.

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In summary this rezoning in my view fits well, respecting the historical history for the location and hope that you will approve such rezoning.

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