

November 19, 2025

Re: Rezoning Application PLRZ20240110 (Bigham) / 3334 Port Washington Road, Pender Island, B.C.

To: SouthInfo, Islands Trust

From: Alan Wilmott, [REDACTED] Pender Island, B.C.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of support for Braedon Bigham and his company in their rezoning application named above.

We purchased property on Pender Island in 1994, built our current home in 1996, and have lived in this home permanently since the year 2000. In all our time on Pender Island, the current location of Braedon's Big Dig Em on Port Washington Road, has been in the centre of an industrial area - whether or not completely zoned that way. He is situated between Home Hardware's store and lumber yard and the Eco Source Septic yard. Braedon's business is also immediately across from the Highways Department Maintenance yard and B.C. Hydro. All of these operations in one form or another have been there since we moved to Pender Island. All these businesses seem to function without impacting the surrounding area in a negative way.

We are aware that this Port Washington Road area is part of very limited industrial zoned land on Pender Island. Braedon has worked for many years to establish a properly delineated footprint for his business in this area.

Braedon's business provides Pender Islanders with a myriad of products and services that they need. For example, he regularly works with the CRD on water mains, water drainage, snow clearing and upgrading projects (Magic Lake sewer and water). Braedon's firm is also a major contributor to the development of properties in the Southern Gulf Islands. Braedon's products include various types of gravel, sand, topsoil, compost, mulch, culverts, etc. The services he provide include land clearing, landscaping, drainage ditches, roadways, foundation digging, backfilling, septic system installation, etc.

Braedon's Big Dig Em is crucial for Pender Island life. The business has grown over the years due to the quality of work and services Braedon provides. His business property on Port Washington Road does not use excessive amounts of power or water and the business is non-polluting.

In closing, a zoning decision in Braedon's favour would allow his business to continue to help the Pender Island community function, while utilizing his services. It will also allow the business to have a firm base from which to operate into the future.

Sincerely,  
Alan Wilmott