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To: North Pender Island Local Trust Committee

Attn: David Maude, Chairperson

Subject: Rezoning Support for 3334 Port Washington Road, Bigham **PLRZ20240110**

Dear David,

I am writing to express my support for Big Digem Contracting's application for rezoning of their current work yard at 3334 Port Washington Road on Pender Island.

Big Digem Contracting have been an integral part of the community for many years and provide in my view an invaluable service to the community. After the last major atmospheric river event a few years ago, they responded promptly to our call to get the laneway to our house graded and useable again after it was washed out & impassable.

Our local Improvement District (water district) has also called on their services many times to help identify, excavate and repair leaks to our neighbourhood drinking water system. We need local on island companies like Big Digem to help keep the community operating smoothly without long outages of services while we wait for contractors from Vancouver Island to find time to come over here.

The lack of suitably zoned industrial land on Pender Island is a long standing issue that never seems to get properly addressed. Big Digem's current location at 3334 Port Washington Road seems a more than suitable location for their operations as it fits in with the other operations in the neighbourhood that are essential, such as the highway's contractor, BC Hydro, the hardware store/lumber yard and Eco Source Septic.

I trust the local trust committee will see the benefit of this application and supports the staff recommendation to proceed with this rezoning. It has my strong support.

Yours Truly,

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Bob Cooke

Pender Island Resident