

From: Heidi Kuhrt [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2026 2:24 PM
To: SSInfo
Subject: Support for PLDP20250452 and PLDVP20250460, 434 Baker Road, August 27 LTC

Dear Chair and Trustees,

My name is Heidi Kuhrt . I live on [REDACTED] and I have been experiencing an accelerated rate of erosion on the beach for the last few years, due to a combination of stronger rains in the winter and stronger wave action eating at the toe of the slope, both of which are linked to climate change. I know that erosion is a natural process, however this process has been accelerated due to our consumption of fossil fuels and its affects need to be addressed. A way forward needs to be presented to property owners on Salt Spring Island who have homes on the foreshore, and now need to do something proactive to mitigate the detrimental effects of erosion.

I am writing in support of the new applications for 434 Baker Road. I have seen the erosion play out over the years along this beach and would like to support my neighbour in his plan. I have reviewed it and feel that it fits well with the natural beach and the current CRDs attempts with the rock wall to prevent further erosion. The owners on 434 Baker Road have retained a geotechnical engineer and a registered professional biologist, followed the application path Trust staff identified for them, and paid for all of it. That evidence is on the file and it deserves to be assessed on its merits.

What concerns me more broadly is the process. If a resident cannot rely on written guidance from their own planning authority, the problem is not confined to one property on Baker Road. It reaches everyone who will ever apply to the Trust for anything. I have experienced this first hand when my request to mitigate the foreshore erosion through green shoring methods was denied. I hope that 434 Baker does not have to needlessly experience this again.

I therefore ask the Local Trust Committee to:

1. Decide PLDP20250452 and PLDVP20250460 on their merits on August 27, rather than deferring them again.
1. Issue the permits sought, with whatever conditions the Committee considers necessary to protect the shoreline.

Sincerely,

Heidi Kuhrt