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Subject: Support for PLDP20250452 and PLDVP20250460, 434 Baker Road, August 27 LTC
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Dear SSI Local Trust Committee
Please find attached my letter of support
Sincerely
Shane Barclay

Dr. Shane Barclay

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August 9, 2026

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee
c/o Islands Trust, Salt Spring Island Office
1 – 500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2N8

Re: Support for PLDP20250452 and PLDVP20250460, 434 Baker Road — August 27, 2026 meeting

Dear Chair and Trustees,

My name is Dr. Shane Barclay. I have lived on Salt Spring for more than fifteen years, worked here as a [REDACTED] and planned and built the [REDACTED] I know what it takes to get something built on this island, and I know what it costs when a process stalls.

I am writing in support of the applications for 434 Baker Road.

My reason is the same principle I applied every day in practice. When a hazard is documented and the professional assessment is sitting in front of you, you act early. You do not wait for the crisis and then intervene. Coastal erosion here is not theoretical. It is measurable, it is accelerating, and once the toe of a slope is lost it does not come back.

The applicants have done what was asked of them. They 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 therefore ask the Local Trust Committee to:

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

Sincerely,

Shane Barclay, MD