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From: Barbara Baird [REDACTED]
Subject: Please don't remove housing and community from your mandate
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Sue Ellen Fast,

March 2, 2020

To Islands Trust Council

Re: Policy Statement, Housing and Communities

The Hornby Island Housing Society urges the Island Trust Council to NOT remove housing and community welfare from your priority list.

As a provider of affordable housing on Hornby Island for over 20 years, we are extremely grateful to have had the support of our Local Trust Committee during the planning and development of our Elder Village and as well as the 26 units of family housing that is just approaching its planning approval stage.

As you are no doubt aware, Hornby Island is facing the combined forces of strong land prices, a very active tourism sector, and two gas and time guzzling ferries that obstruct reasonable access to supplies and off-island workers and trades people. Under these circumstances, achieving community resilience will be impossible without serious effort by both the Islands Trust in terms of policy and by our LTC.

We urgently need regulatory changes that will allow for more innovation in housing. We have plenty of seasonally occupied McMansions, and not nearly enough affordable, year around rental units, for example. The Hornby Island Housing Society would be very sorry to see our Local Trustees directed by Island Trust Policy to disregard this trend, in spite of its effects on

community welfare. We find it very hard to believe that this is actually under serious consideration, and hope to hear tomorrow from you that it is not!

Thank you,

Barbara Baird for the
Hornby Island Housing Society

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