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Subject: re: Support for 3Ravens

Dear Denman Island Planners and Trustees,

I have read and understood much of the 3Ravens requirements. I hope the application moves ahead and that people sign on to become participants in 3Ravens. It might have appealed to me once. A younger me I hasten to add.

On a further personal note, I have advocated for affordable housing for decades, beginning in New Westminister and continuing almost immediately after moving to Denman Island in 2003.

My advocacy in New Westminister began at SFU in the sixties when cooperative housing took hold as a way to address the lack of affordable student housing. Out of that lengthy discussion came a co-op housing society in New Westminister: two Georgian houses that have provided shared communal living for hundreds of students and others to this day.

During my early Denman years, I volunteered in the agonizing quest for affordable housing. Other aspects of the social determinants of health as well as personal creative endeavours eventually have occupied my time.

I have the greatest respect for the numerous people who have maintained the mantle of dedicated affordable housing activists over the years. The 3Ravens project offers a compelling addition to address the escalating need for affordable housing on Denman. It will not be an easy grind but I wish them well.

Thank you,

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