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Subject: Response to HAPC report

Dear David's and Sam:

I am unable to attend the Open House tomorrow so I wanted to send my feedback to the HAPC report and its recommendations to you.

First of all I would like to congratulate the committee on its commitment to meeting with and listening to the concerns of Denman islanders with regard to the dire lack of affordable housing options on Denman Island. Quotes from individual islanders along with statistical information clearly support this housing deficit and the negative effect it has on young and old alike.

The recommendations made in this report address several aspects of the problem and approach the issue from a variety of angles. If implemented I think these would go along way to paving the way for affordable housing in existing buildings. I support the relaxation of existing bylaws, red tape and enforcement where it allows solutions to housing for the most vulnerable.

In addition to removing regulation barriers, funding needs to be a priority. The fact that two housing organizations have worked for over ten years to try to build affordable housing without success should be a wake up call to us all. The suggestion of a referendum on page 13 and the gap in jurisdictional funding mentioned shortly thereafter are two areas I think the Trust should seriously look at. There are successful public housing models used in countries like Austria that could provide guidance.

I look forward to further discussions on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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