

Re. Gabriola Official Community Plan (Draft: May, 2026)

Suggested Revision of “Community Vision” Statement: 1.4.1.

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Note: This is to possibly replace most of the boldfaced para. in the document (pg. 347/19), with the boldface here signaling what I’ve kept. I’ve dropped the first 2 words “By 2050” because I found them awkward; but maybe they are essential.

Gabriola will flourish by continuing to draw on the wisdom of the communities that have been here since the beginning. First, the foundational community of fresh groundwater, rock and soil and embedded roots, all interconnected, inter-dependent and mutually sustaining. And, second, the community of human ancestors, the Snuneymuxw, who learned how to use these foundational life sources respectfully and conservationally, through practices of attuned attention, sacred honoring and care – practices which they continue to pass down and share. The community is committed to fostering a strong sense of inter-connection, inter-dependence and mutual sustainability **by supporting diverse and affordable housing, accessible serves, active and low-impact transportation, vibrant arts and culture, resilient local food systems and livelihoods and collaborative action among residents, First Nations and all levels of government.**