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Subject: Statutory Alignment & Inter-Agency Hydrogeological Review: First Reading Draft Official Community Plan (OCP)

FORMAL SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

TO: Trustee Tobi Elliot (Incumbent / Trustee-Elect) and Bob Andrew (Trustee-Elect)

DELIVERED VIA: northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca

SUBJECT: Statutory Alignment & Inter-Agency Hydrogeological Review: First Reading Draft Official Community Plan (OCP)

Dear Trustee Elliot and Trustee-Elect Andrew,

Please accept the attached formal submission regarding the First Reading version of the Gabriola Island Official Community Plan (OCP).

In formal correspondence dated September 2026, Island Planner Narissa Chadwick confirmed that staff technical inquiries regarding the GW Solutions dataset are complete, indicating that staff will not provide further responses to technical interrogatories and explicitly directing that all further substantive policy matters be submitted directly to the Local Trust Committee.

With administrative technical intake officially closed, full legislative and statutory ownership of the First Reading draft rests with the Local Trust Committee. The attached brief evaluates the draft against Section 3 of the *Islands Trust Act*—a statutory mandate to "Preserve and Protect" for the benefit of both local residents and British Columbia generally, which cannot be fulfilled by generalized staff Q&A documents or consultant disclaimers under the *Professional Governance Act*.

Furthermore, as the First Reading draft is currently subject to external agency and First Nations referrals pursuant to Section 475 of the *Local Government Act*, **I formally request that this document be included in the referral packages provided to the Snuneymuxw First Nation, Island Health, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN), and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT)** to ensure a complete statutory and hydrogeological record during their concurrent reviews.

Respectfully submitted,

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