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Subject: Application reference number: PLRZ20240003

Dear Galiano LTC,

I am writing this letter in full support of Leif Palmberg's application with reference number PLRZ20240003. I write this letter from the perspective of an environmental business person who has known Galiano Island since the 1970's and as a full time resident since March 2023.

I am currently engaged in renovating my historic non-conforming cabin into a fully permitted residence. In this process, I have found it difficult to secure supplies in an efficient manner due to the lack of suitable commercial infrastructure on the island, most particularly gravel and other aggregates. Leif's new business will allow for an evolved market for these supplies that allows for fairness in pricing and competition.

Leif provides an excellent service in his excavation services and needs a properly zoned space to support his operations. Galiano has a lack of hard working businesses like his and we need to support him

As a forest lot owner, I have my own sawmill and wood processing infrastructure. I cringe when others are developing their properties and cut large, valuable trees down only to have the high grade wood wasted as firewood as there is no effective way to sell your logs off the Island, nor are there sufficient facilities to process logs into lumber. A key element of sustainable land use is being able to use our local timber to produce local homes and this is not possible without such infrastructure.

As a Professional Agrologist who has deep concerns about our food infrastructure and the lack of markets for our agricultural products, I see this proposal as highly desirable. Galiano has the ability to produce high quality fruits for food and in way higher amounts than currently produced. In order for orchards to be profitable and sustainable they need a market for their second quality fruit, Leif's cidery would provide that solution.

If you have any questions about my letter, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thanks,
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