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Hornby Island Trust Meeting

Through the Chair,

HICEEC respectfully requests that the Local Trust Committee provide its support for the affordable workforce housing initiative currently underway on Hornby Island, including reconsideration of a letter of support for securing tenure on the proposed Crown land site.

We note that at the January 23, 2026 meeting (Section 13.1), the Committee considered and defeated a motion to support HICEEC's pursuit of approximately 10 hectares of Crown land near the Depot for affordable community workforce housing. Given the progress that has since been made, through discussions including the CVRD, and the urgency of the housing need, we respectfully ask the Committee to reconsider its support at this time.

We also request that the correction to the Public Use (PU(a)) zoning be separated from broader bylaw amendments and advanced immediately. My understanding is that where portions of a bylaw are ready, they may proceed independently, even if other sections require further review or Public Hearing.

In this case, the PU(A) amendment has already been clearly identified—through the OCP/^{LVB}review process, in August 2023, when former Trustee Tony Law specified that an unintended oversight had removed previously included community housing in the allowable uses for PU(A) zoning.

Given its importance to active workforce housing work, we respectfully request that this amendment be advanced to third reading today, independently of other bylaw sections.

- Work is actively underway
- there is a clear and pressing need for affordable homes for the working people of Hornby Island
- we encourage the Trust to move forward with both speed and determination

In summary, our Call to Action:

1. Write a letter of support for HICEEC's affordable workforce housing initiative and Crown land tenure request.
2. Fast-track the PU(a) zoning bylaw correction and reinstate community housing as an allowable use.

Finally, we invite Trustees and the community to attend a public meeting on Monday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Hall, where Dr. Jennifer Salisbury will present the REDIP-funded feasibility study for the community affordable workforce housing project.

Thank you.

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