



Note: All correspondence below from the public, have been received by the Mayne Local Trust Committee.

Narissa Chadwick Mayne Island Planner Islands Trust

By email to nchadwick@islandstrust.bc.ca

25 July 2020

Dear Narissa Chadwick:

Re: MA-RZ-2020.1

I am writing in regard to the Mayne Island Housing Society proposal for an affordable housing project on Village Bay Road, which requires rezoning of a parcel of rural land to facilitate its construction. This is a most welcome initiative and I heartily endorse this proposal.

I have owned property on Mayne for thirty years and when my professional responsibilities permit, I spend as much time as I can here.

I have watched the Island change over the years, but have repeatedly been struck by the limited accommodation available for workers in the key parts of the Island economy. Sustaining our Island community depends on both tourism and food sector workers and the availability of key trades people in the construction and property maintenance businesses.

When I built my house here on the Island fourteen years ago I remember a number of long conversations with John Moore, who was then the proprietor of the Hardware store, about his difficulties finding and keeping workers because of the lack of suitable accommodation. Many of the people he was hiring were trying to live in trailers and very sub-standard housing.

People running the restaurants on the Island have told me similar stories over the years; keeping good staff here requires there be a suitable place for them to live. I

note that there are construction workers on the Island currently living on their building sites in temporary trailers, and it seems that this accommodation problem has never been resolved.

Hence the Island Housing Society proposal is a most welcome initiative. While it alone won't ease all the housing issues, it is a good start. Looking to the future of the Island requires this problem be addressed.

This proposal is one very helpful way forward towards the long-term sustainability of Mayne Island.

Sincerely,

Simon Dalby

Designing the Future of Mayne Island

July 23, 2020

To the attention of: Deborah Goldman President, Mayne Island Housing Society

Dear Ms. Goldman,

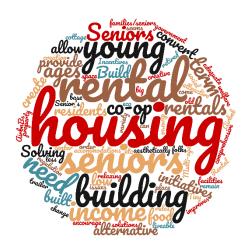
This letter is in support of your Society's efforts to build affordable rental housing on a 3 acre parcel of land at 375 Village Bay Road for residents of Mayne Island.

As you will recall in the summer of 2019, a small group of residents surveyed the Mayne Island community about their aspirations for the future of Mayne Island. We collected 645

aspirations. These aspirations covered over 20 themes, but the theme that received the most attention was affordable housing. This word map was derived from these aspirations, illustrating how affordable housing connects to most of the other themes that preoccupy Mayne Islanders.

As a next step, we conducted a community-based forward planning summit called *Designing the Future of Mayne Island*.

The summit itself proposed action items along seven vectors, one of which was Affordable Housing¹. When we asked the Mayne Island community if it supported these proposed action items, an overwhelming majority gave Affordable Housing a thumbs up.



This confirms the work you are doing and this project in particular are fully aligned with the aspirations of the Mayne Island community and is important to the future of the island. Case in point: between the last two census, this island saw an 11.4% drop in resident population as the elders moved on to be closer to health care facilities and seniors homes, and young families were shut out from the housing market due to high prices. Affordable housing for both ends of the age spectrum is therefore of paramount importance.

Please add my name to those who unreservedly support your work and this project.

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¹ The conclusions of the Design the Future of Mayne Island Summit are summarized in this report: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b1r6jE6vA7AHipRBjoJIFnJEquE1yd5Y/view</u>

Date: July 24, 2020

To Whom It May Concern

I, Max Stockholder – Mayne Island Food Bank Coordinator, Mayne Island Coordinator for The Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre, and Mayne Island Permanent resident – am writing this letter to support the efforts of the **Mayne Island Housing Society** to build affordable rental housing on a 3 acre parcel of land at **375 Village Bay Road** for residents of Mayne Island.

We recognize that market housing is expensive and beyond the ability of lower income individuals and families who live and work on Mayne. There is also a severe housing rental shortage that prevents new families/individuals from moving here, victims of domestic abuse from moving away from their abusers, businesses to recruit talent off island, new businesses from starting here, and home owning seniors from downsizing – forcing them to live off very modest fixed incomes while sitting on million dollar homes.

Many of these people provide the services that our island economy requires in order to be more self-sustaining.

Also, MIHS is advocating for our seniors who provide the volunteer foundation that provides support for community activities. Many cannot continue to manage in their current homes and need housing alternatives that allow them to remain on the island for as long as possible.

Therefore, I Max Stockholder wish to add my name to the others who are interested in responding to the need for affordable rental housing on our island.

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Name:	Max Stockholder	 Phone Number:
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Email:		

Thank you very much

July 2020

Date: <u>Aug. 5'20</u>
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Thank you very much
Signature:
Name: NICOLE VALLEE Phone Number:
Address: Address: _
Email:
Name of Business, Organization:
Please send to <u>mihousingsociety@gmail.com</u> or 274 Mariners Way, Mayne Island, BC, VON 2J2

Date: 09/05/ 70

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Name: Chrysta Wallin Phone Number:
Address:
Email:
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Please send to mihousingsociety@gmail.com or 274 Mariners Way, Mayne Island, BC, VON 2J2

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Name: <u>Spencer Oliver</u>	Phone Number:
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Date: 05.08.20			
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Signature:			
Name: <u>Kate Hindmarsh</u> Phone Number:			
Address:			
Email:			
Name of Business, Organization:			
Please send to mihousingsociety@gmail.com or 274 Mariners Way, Mayne Island, BC, VON 2J2			

From: Black Sheep Clan Sent: August 6, 2020 11:40 AM To: mihousingsociety@gmail.com Subject: Letter of support

To whom it may concern:

I lived on Mayne for 30 years and currently am a landowner there; living on Saturna the last year in Carefree Court, a seniors complex. I moved as I didnt have a house on Mayne and needed housing.

Im 100% behind the Social Housing project for Mayne Island.

Mayne is one of the few islands without such housing available.

It is badly needed if we wish to maintain a healthy community. We need to provide a suitable place for people to live who cannot afford to buy their own home. It is important that we keep a strong labour force on the island to maintain our current services.

We give absolutely no thought to allowing mega size housing that serves few people to be built and uses extra resources.

Why do we have to fight for a project like this that may equal one mega house in square footage? Ive read that Islands Trust allows single housing up to 5,000 square feet to be built on the islands. This is not right in my estimation and certainly needs some answers.

With regard to people's concerns about water etc.. this issue affects us island wide. More water collection needs to be built into the building code to address the water shortage. I think the housing committee has well thought out how to address many of the other concerns.

I would support seeing the full completion of this project.

If for any reason it is stopped due to lack of rezoning, I implore our local governments to offer a solution.

Help Mayne Island meet the housing demands for our immediate future. Respectfully,

Dawne Cressman



August 6th, 2020

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Thank you very much

Date: August 6th, 2020

Name: Saoirse Soley

Phone Number:

Address: [do not wish publicized]

Email: