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Aug. 5 '20

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Signature:



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Date: 09/05/20

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Name: Kate Hindmarsh Phone Number: 

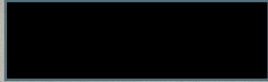
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Adrianna Granville



July 31, 2020

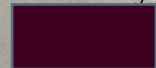
To Whom It May Concern –

I am writing in support of the efforts of the Mayne Island Housing Society to build affordable housing, specifically, in this case, on a 3-acre parcel of land at 375 Village Bay Road, generously donated, for residents of Mayne Island.

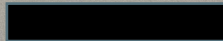
I feel it is our responsibility as a community, to support those who need it and want to remain on the island, whether it be a family, struggling to makes ends meet while working in the service industry on the island or seniors, the basis of many of our volunteer organizations, who need financial assistance to maintain an adequate standard of living. We are all active pieces in what makes this society function; the access to affordable rental housing is a key component in ensuring the longevity of a diverse and thriving Mayne Island.

Please add my name to your list of MIHS supporters, with concern and interest in responding to the need for affordable housing on Mayne Island.

Thank you,



Adrianna Granville





SGI Community Economic Sustainability Commission

August 1, 2020

To whom it may concern:

The Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Mayne Island Housing Society's application for funding to advance an affordable rental housing project on Mayne Island.

Throughout the Southern Gulf Islands there is a critical shortage of affordable rental housing, and this need has been well-documented on Mayne Island. Key to being able to begin addressing the shortage is availability of land at no or low cost. Fortunately, the Mayne Island Housing Society has recently received a generous donation of three acres of bare land on which to construct 10 units of community housing, with a mix of affordable and market rents for Mayne Island residents. The housing is intended for singles, couples, and families of all ages, both working and retired.

The Mayne Island Housing Society has applied to the Local Islands Trust Committee to rezone the land for community housing, accompanied by subdivision to create the parcel. The Mayne Island Conservancy is being consulted about protecting the ecological values of the parcel, and the project will be designed to be low impact and to utilize high efficiency systems for water supply and waste water disposal.

The Commission is fully supportive of this important project being undertaken by the Mayne Island Housing Society.

Sincerely,



Michael Hoebel
Vice-chair
SGI Community Economic Sustainability Commission



Date: August 1, 2020

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I am writing this letter to support the efforts of the **Mayne Island Housing Society (MIHS)** to build affordable rental housing on a 3-acre parcel of land at **375 Village Bay Road** for residents of Mayne Island.

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MIHS is advocating for 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. The CRC on Mayne Island runs a volunteer program and employment services for Mayne residents. Through this works we have encountered many lower income individuals and seniors dealing with these challenges and therefore fully support MIHS in this endeavour.

Thank you very much

Yours truly,



Melody Pender
Manager
SGI Community Resource Centre Society
manager@sgicommunityresources.ca



Mayne Island Housing Society
274 Mariners Way,
Mayne Island, BC
V0N 2J2

July 31, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

We write to fully support the initiatives of the Mayne Island Housing Society (MIHS) to construct affordable and accessible rental housing for Mayne Islanders at 375 Village Bay Rd.

As a society that helps build resilience in the Southern Gulf Islands (SGI), the Community Resource Centre acknowledges both the need for and challenges involved in developing affordable housing. It is probably our greatest single need on the SGI's and one that through unfortunate circumstance has been frustrated at many levels of government.

We say this in light of large quantities of funding available for affordable housing from senior levels of government, but which are rarely applicable in the SGI's due to the necessarily small scope of island housing initiatives and that the SGI's are classified as urban, when we are most decidedly rural. Our islands are preserved and protected by their own Act (the Islands Trust Act) and the Trust's Policy Statement states "Communities within the Trust Area are predominantly rural in character and contrast markedly with surrounding urban areas."

With senior funding for affordable housing having been severely constrained, lower income families who provide many of the necessary services for a well-functioning community have been unable to find accessible and/or affordable housing. This situation has now reached a tipping point, and the need for support for initiatives like MIHS's is critical, so we lend our absolute support unreservedly.

Sincerely,



Paul Brent
President, Community Resource Centre



Support for Mayne rental housing units

1 message

Catharina Purss [REDACTED]

Sun, Jul 26, 2020 at 1:59 PM

To: "nchadwick@islandstrust.bc.ca" <nchadwick@islandstrust.bc.ca>, "drogers@islandstrust.bc.ca" <drogers@islandstrust.bc.ca>, Jeanine Dodds <jdodds@islandstrust.bc.ca>, David Maude <dmaude@islandstrust.bc.ca>, "rkojima@islandstrust.bc.ca" <rkojima@islandstrust.bc.ca>, MIHS <mihousingsociety@gmail.com>, Deborah Goldman <[REDACTED]>

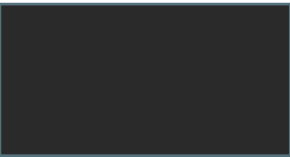
To Island Trustees,

I would like to express my appreciative support to the Mayne Island Housing Society and the efforts of the Board to develop ten rental housing units on donated land on Village Bay Rd. Their long-standing efforts to find suitable land have been stymied in the past by various neighbours who are concerned about water/septic/aesthetic and noise interference. The neighbours' concerns are understandable and in response, MIHS has worked hard to provide testable results showing that these issues will be resolved in a thoughtful, sensible and appropriate manner.

I have lived here for 17 years and throughout these years many of my friends on Mayne have expressed the need for this type of housing. It would be a great benefit to our service workers, seniors and families whom we are trying to keep on-island. As a retired senior, I would be proud to live in one of these units if given the opportunity and I believe the majority of our community members would feel the same way.

Thank you for your consideration,

Catharina Purss



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Mayne Island Early Childhood Society
535 Fernhill Road
Mayne Island, BC V0N 2J2

September 5, 2020

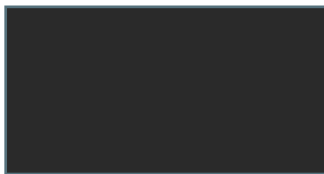
Dear Mr. Rogers, Ms. Dodds, and Mr. Maude:

I am writing on behalf of the Mayne Island Early Childhood Society in support of the Mayne Island Housing Society. We understand that affordable housing is a crucial piece of development needed in our community, one of limited capacity and few housing options for those who need it most. Our island population consists of many elders whose needs are changing as they age, as well as young wage-workers who have moved here in hopes of living an affordable life and building families. Both groups are vulnerable to being underhoused, and an affordable housing development would go a long way to addressing this problem.

The Mayne Island Housing Society has proposed to build affordable rental housing on a 3 acre parcel of land at 375 Village Bay Road for residents of Mayne Island. The Mayne Island Early Childhood Society supports this proposal wholeheartedly, and offers our upmost recommendation to proceed with this goal in mind.

Should you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Meaghan Feduck
Co-Chair, Mayne Island Early Childhood Society

August 6th, 2020

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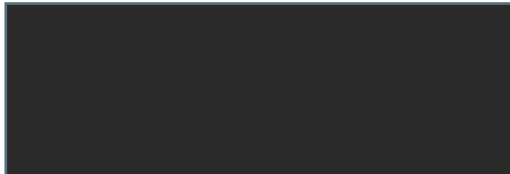
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Thank you very much

Date: August 6th, 2020

Name: Saoirse Soley



September 4, 2020

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to express my support for the Mayne Island Housing Society's rezoning application for 10 units of rental housing on 3 acres at 375 Village Bay Road.

There is an urgent need for affordable housing on Mayne Island, and this location benefits from its proximity to both Village Bay and Miners Bay. I live at the top of Mount Parke, and therefore pass by this site daily.

The MIHS plan is taking a responsible approach to the site development by:

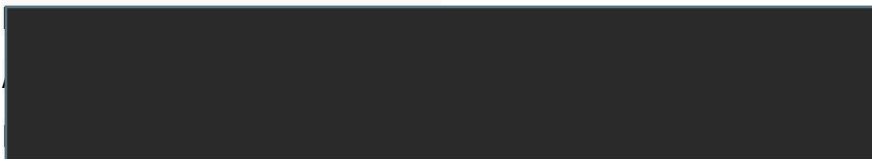
1. Actively addressing potential impacts to the tree canopy, changes in both runoff and subsurface water conditions.
2. Working with a local architect and other professionals to ensure the structures are laid out in a manner that addresses both the functional and aesthetic aspects of the project.

Regarding the potential social impacts on the surrounding properties, I believe this development is scaled well to create a small neighbourhood, thus providing valuable "eyes on the street".

Finally, Sean McHugh's offer to donate this land is both thoughtful and generous, and Mayne Islanders are fortunate that he realizes the need and is motivated to contribute in such a substantive way.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Brown



From: Kat Ferneyhough
Sent: September 14, 2020 12:31 PM
To: mihousingsociety@gmail.com
Subject: Support for MI Affordable Housing Initiative

September 14, 2020

To the members of my Mayne Island Community,
I 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.

Affordable housing is the singular most important step in sustaining the socio-economic stability of Mayne Island. As the housing market has priced out the majority of those who work at all of our essential and hospitality businesses on the island, our employee base continues to shrink as it has over the last two decades. Our businesses on Mayne are small and run by individuals who have to work very hard themselves to make up for the lack of potential employees available, and at this rate, I would not be surprised if some businesses had to shut their doors due to inability to staff appropriately, given several have had to cut hours due to staff availability already.

I have personally worked in over 10 positions here on Mayne Island, I have been involved in the management of 3 businesses, and as both an employee AND an employer there have been times that I have had to work three different positions simultaneously to make enough money to survive on this island - and I am lucky enough to be able to rent my space at a reasonable rate from family. If I had not been so lucky, I too would have had to leave Mayne.

I am personally concerned about the lack of awareness of what lower-income entails. I have been told by a Mayne Islander that if someone can't afford to buy a home here, then they should either work harder or leave. I have worked 3 jobs at over 40 hours a week, I have two post secondary degrees, I have previously owned a home, and the chance of buying a home here has never even come close to reality. My experience is not rare - the housing market has been climbing for decades at a rate more than ten times that of minimum wage.

I have personally witnessed the loss of several young and vibrant community members who loved living here having to leave due to lack of rental housing, let alone affordable housing. I have witnessed seniors who did not have the finances to purchase a home yet had rented here for many years comfortably get unceremoniously ousted from their rented homes to make way for AirBnB's.

On top of those concerns there is also the problem with our volunteer groups aging out. Many services are provided via volunteering - something a person can only do if they have free time. The volunteer pool has dwindled considerably as many of those who started to volunteer as able-bodied retirees age out of their ability to be so energetic, while there are so few able-bodied adults that are not working around the clock to barely keep a roof over their heads and food on their plates. Many of our volunteer firefighters and first responders live without housing security at higher rental rates than is manageable at their pay rate from their employment - and wouldn't you prefer your firefighters and first responders to arrive at emergencies well-rested rather than working every moment that they're not saving lives? They need affordable housing!

From: Lisa Siddons
Sent: September 9, 2020 3:24 PM
To: mihousingsociety@gmail.com
Subject: Mayne island rental housing

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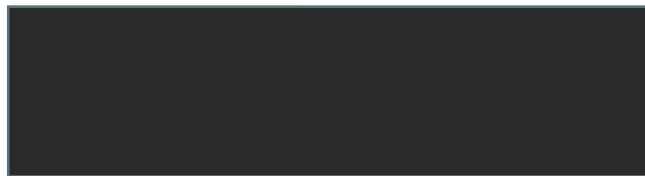
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From: JIM MARLON-LAMBERT
Sent: September 7, 2020 2:52 PM
To: mihousingsociety@gmail.com
Subject: Requested Recommendation Letter

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I am writing this letter to support the efforts of the Mayne Island Housing Society (MIHS) to build affordable rental housing on a 3 acre parcel of land at 375 Village Bay Road for residents of Mayne Island.

Twenty-five years ago my late wife and I owned a recreational property on Saturna Island. When we bought this property the Saturna Island Community club was planning on building a low cost rental unit just across the main road from us. When it was completed about two years later the 5 or 6 units were occupied by old-timers and young families. Everybody there was extremely pleased with what they were able to get. This was on a small island with a year-round population of less than 300 people. I have seen the value of low-cost housing in a really small community!

Now I am an old-timer and I was lucky to find and extend my house on Mayne Island twenty years ago. I plan on living here in my house as long as I can. I am becoming more and more concerned about how difficult it is getting to have things repaired and maintained on this island. I am not absolutely sure that the proposed low-cost housing will help solve this situation but this is too good an opportunity offered by Sean McHugh and the MIHS to pass up.

The back chat by existing homeowners around the proposed site is what I expected. This is a bit of a repetition of the antagonistic reaction that occurred years ago when the Farm Gate Store was proposed. Look at what a success that has become!

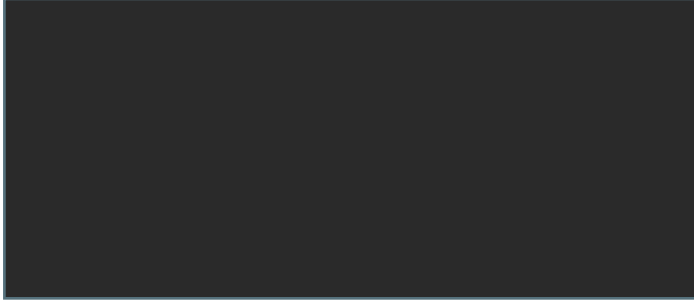
The situations with water and sewage are simple engineering issues to resolve. It is about time that neighbourhood stops crying NIMBY and actually works out a proper neighbourhood solution. I doubt the noise issue will cause any lingering problems. This is where people will be living and they won't put up with very much interference.

I want to thank Mr. McHugh for his generous and timely offer. I would also like to thank the MIHS for supporting this project. I am going to take 1/3 of my Trudeau CERB windfall (\$300) and send it to the MIHS to assist them in this project.

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

Date: September 7, 2020

Name: Jim Marlon-Lambert



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: September 14, 2020 3:18 PM
To: mihousingsociety@gmail.com
Subject: Rental housing

September 14th, 2020

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Name: Jill Fitzell



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