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Subject: Proposal for Affordable Housing on Mayne Island

Dan Rogers, Trustee, Chair, Local Trust Committee

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Dear Mr. Rogers,

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.

I have been a temporary resident of the island since 1986. I have kept well informed about the social and housing needs. I am a retired social work educator and am one of the editors of a book on Health Promotion and Aging in Canada which will be published next Spring.

I recognize that market housing is expensive and beyond the ability of lower income individuals and families who live and work on Mayne.

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. Aging in place rather than moving off the island, requires professional and community support. Affordable housing will provide the opportunity to bring service providers to this island.

The fact that the proposed housing would be multigenerational would be an added bonus for all those who will live there. This is a critical need to keep the Mayne Island

community vibrant and welcoming to younger families as well who will no doubt be part of contributing to our future as a caring and integrated community.

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

Yours truly,

Frances Grunberg

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