

May 27, 2022

Via email

Mayne Island Local Trust Committee

**Re: Mayne Island Housing Society Application for Zoning for Affordable Housing**

Dear Trustees Rogers, Dodds, and Maude,

Please accept this letter from the Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership in support of the Mayne Island Housing Society's application to develop affordable housing on Mayne Island to serve Mayne Island residents in need.

We encourage you to advance the application to establish zoning on the property prior to the end of the current Council Term. First Reading of the Bylaw at your May 30 meeting with direction for staff to schedule a Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing in June 2022 will be necessary to achieve this objective. Please support due process for this important project.

The SGITP is an independent, non-profit society managed by an elected tourism sector board of directors, who provide oversight of government funding including the Municipal & Regional District Tax – MRDT and supported by professional tourism management staff. We are guided by an approved BC Societies Act constitution and bylaws and a Destination BC approved business plan and budget. We have Mayne Island small business partners who are challenged to secure and maintain staff to serve the community and visitors alike due to lack of housing.

If you require further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-537-7087, or [housing@southerngulfislands.com](mailto:housing@southerngulfislands.com).

Sincerely,



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