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Subject: Rezoning Support for 3334 Port Washington Road – Application PLRZ20240110 (Bigham)

Dear Islands Trust,

I am writing to offer my full support for Rezoning Application PLRZ20240110 (Bigham) concerning 3334 Port Washington Road, submitted by Braedon Bigham for the continued operation of his local business, Big Dig Em.

Big Dig Em plays an essential role on North Pender Island. As one of the few locally based excavation and contractor service providers, the business supports homeowners, builders, farmers, and community projects with reliable and timely service. On an island where access to specialized equipment and heavy-duty services is limited, Big Dig Em fills a critical gap and helps keep project costs manageable for residents. Braedon's professionalism, dependability, and strong reputation make his company a valued part of our local community and economy.

I believe that the current yard location at 3334 Port Washington Road is a practical, appropriate, and viable option for Big Dig Em's continued operations. The site is already functioning effectively for this purpose and has so for many years. Relocating the business would be extremely challenging given the limited supply of industrial-zoned land on North Pender Island. Suitable properties of this nature are scarce, and forcing relocation would place an undue burden on both the business and the island community that relies on its services.

Additionally, the proposed yard location fits naturally within the existing character of the surrounding neighbourhood, which already includes several similar and compatible operations, including:

- Emcon, the highways maintenance contractor
- BC Hydro's local operations
- Eco Source Septic's yard
- Home Hardware

Given the presence of these established service and utility yards, Big Dig Em's continued operations align logically with the area's existing land use pattern.

As a Pender Island resident, I strongly support Braedon Bigham in this application and believe that approving the rezoning will help maintain essential island services, support local employment, and ensure that Pender residents continue to have access to the critical equipment and contracting support that Big Dig Em provides.

Thank you for considering this important application. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Byron Higgs
Pender Island Resident

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