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Subject: Housing action on Salt Spring Island

Dear Islands Trust,

I am writing again to urge the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee to make housing challenges and solutions a top priority. We need to move to the next phase, directing staff to develop a Project Charter for Phase 1 and a Housing Task Force terms of reference to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee for simultaneous endorsement.

The time is now. There has been a documented crisis in affordable housing for decades on Salt Spring. This affects all important issues that are forefront around the world at this time. Anti-racism and equality cannot happen without affordable housing. Conservation and environmental land stewardship cannot happen when development is geared towards only the wealthy. Homelessness will persist if there are no alternatives. Families with children will leave and schools will close if there is no affordable housing. Workplaces will close that cannot afford to pay their workers a wage that is required for the astronomical price of housing on Salt Spring. Without local workers to run restaurants, shops, grocery stores, we will become an affluent island community reliant on the ferries to bring workers in. I hope none of us see this as the Salt Spring Island we want to live on.

It is so important that Islands Trust commits staff and resources to this issue, and I urge the Trust to move forward with this action.

Thank you so much,

Amy Adams