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Islands Trust Local Trust Committee
1-500 Lower Ganges Road
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2N8

To: Peter Luckham, Peter Grove, and Laura Patrick:

Re: Support for Housing Working Group, Local Islands Trust Committee

Transition Salt Spring Board of Directors unanimously supports the Islands Trust Housing Working Group proposal to create a housing task force for Salt Spring Island.

Transition Salt Spring approves the proposal to first commit staff resources to develop a broader policy framework, so that specific actions will then be thoughtfully inclusive of all housing environmental impacts and benefits, including land use and climate change. The two phases (Phase 1 appointment of a housing task force, Phase 2 cross-sector partners develop and implement integrated solutions) will be the most logical and thorough approach to a highly complex issue. Creating and adequately funding a Housing Challenges and Solutions Project would produce a blueprint for generations to follow. This blueprint would in turn inform the OCP and visa versa. The concept of ecosystem-based management, as legislated in BC, is a key component to successfully establish the foundation of an integrated housing solution.

Transition Salt Spring, through the dedicated work of the Climate Action Group, will be launching The Climate Action Report 2.0 at the end of November 2020. The report is a comprehensive plan, including housing, for achieving 50% reduction in carbon emission by 2030 – a UN global target. Islands Trust must do its part to assist citizens to meet these targets – it is an urgent imperative. Housing is a major factor, which if creatively thought out through big picture planning, will guarantee that future generations have the right to healthy air, water, land and ocean.

Anne Parkinson
Chair, Transition Salt Spring

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