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Subject: Housing Priority

Trust Committee,

The housing crisis on Salt Spring has been festering for decades but it is hitting a real breaking point today.

One year ago, housing advocates delivered a short report titled 8 tangible actions the Trust can take to address the housing crisis while protecting the environment. Each action was the result of consultations with many experts and community leaders, were deeply researched, and fell within existing regulations and the mandate of the Trust.

The new Housing Working Group project proposed for the Trust is one way to move forward on this issue.

This working group proposal should be approved and housing thus made one of the top 5 priorities of the Island, with Trust staff time allocated.

The housing crisis here affects everyone, and is quickly hollowing out the working and middle class, harming our island culture and quality of life. Housing solutions can be found that protect the environment and people, but first housing has to be seen as a priority.

I am personally witnessing too many of my friends and community members struggling to find places to live and rent. These are families that want to be here and contribute greatly to the life and culture of Salt Spring Island. It is beyond disheartening and we need leadership and new ideas to stop this from continuing.

With thanks for all your concern and attention to this matter,

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