**Beulah Creek Housing Talking Points and contact info**

**Talking points from CVRD Director Arbour:**

- The community has supported the Beulah Creek Village project for well over a decade, and we broadly celebrated the 2018 announcement by the Province that the project would be funded and built

- The community listened to BC Housing advice, and as consequence we merged two housing societies to facilitate the project's success.

- We are cognizant that construction costs have gone up, but housing is the top priority for our community, and as far as we understand for the Province, and we expect a project that has already been vetted and funded to proceed. We are concerned that things seem to have stalled in terms of getting the project fully financed and with shovel in the ground.

- The community has been willing and supportive of considering other approaches, such as cost-cutting or perhaps having a couple less units.

- We appreciate the efforts of BC Housing and our partner M'akola. We realize that this project is in the last mile to get built, and as an organization we

re-iterate our unmitigated support to the Beulah Creek Village and Hornby Island Housing Society.

**Additions from Hornby Island Housing Society:**

The key message from all of community organizations should be a clear statement of how critical the provision of Beulah Creek housing is and support for the work of the organization. Why the need and how the housing will support the goals, and, of course, how important the work of the organization is to the community.

-Acknowledging the support and encouragement that BC Housing has provided so far would also be a powerful message, as the last in Daniel’s list suggests.

-Avoid anything that could be construed as a whiney tone. i.e. such as “you said this, and now you’re not following through” kind of language.

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A BCH contact has just suggested that the letters of support be sent to Shayne Ramsay, the CEO of BCH as well as to the other folks already listed.

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**- for a letter to be officially received by the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee it should go to:**

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**(and could also be copied to the individual trustees)**

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