Your Name

 Your Address, Hornby Island, BC, V0R1Z0

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**Letter in Support of the Beulah Creek Development on Hornby Island**

**Begin by stating who you are…**

Example: My name is XYZ, I have been a resident of Hornby Island for x years. I work at xyz place, I volunteer on x boards etc…

**State why you are writing this letter…**

Example: I am writing this letter to express my support for the development of affordable housing at Beulah Creek.

**Share some information as to why this is important to you…**

Example: I want to see this development happen because I need somewhere to live.

Example: I want to see this development happen because my friends need somewhere to live.

Example: I cannot find employees because my workers have nowhere to live.

**If you feel comfortable, share personal details or anecdotes…**

Example: I live in a trailer, I don’t know if I can do it much longer. If I don’t find somewhere to live soon I may have to leave the island.

Example: The person who provides me homecare is living in a cabin with mold. They have no other rental options.

Example: My current housing is becoming increasingly unsuitable for my needs. I need to live in a place that is more modern as I have accessibility issues.

**Share a statistic or a fact**

Example: Based on the 2016 Census, 41% of the total population falls within the no, low and low-moderate income levels.

Example: The 2008 Housing Needs on Hornby and Denman Island identified a total housing need of 97 units for renters and seniors.

Example: Based on the population projections, there could be a need for potentially 158 residential units in the next 25 years.

Example: Thirty-five percent of the households on Hornby Island have an income of less than $24,999

Example: The two ferry routes required to reach Vancouver Island are a barrier to commuting. The workforce needs a place to live on the island to provide the essential services that are needed to keep the community functioning

Example: 20% of the population of Hornby Island are renters

Example: The median income for Hornby Island is $35,328. The typical house price on the Gulf Islands is $791,000.

Example: In 2018, the proposed Beulah Creek development had interest from over 40 people. This figure has not yet been updated, however, between 2018 and today, the waitlist for the other affordable rental housing on the island has doubled in size showing even more demand for affordable rental housing.

Example: The 2018 Housing Needs Assessment identified that 2 of the 3 top needs on the island in terms of housing were for affordable rental housing and family rental housing.

**Include a plea**

Example: I need help. My income is not sufficient to afford to purchase a home on this island and I need secure, stable, rental housing.

Example: The market is not providing housing for the workforce of the island. Affordable rental is desperately needed.

Example: Without this housing, our community may not be able to sustain itself. We need help.

Example: Hornby Island provides the province with incredible opportunities for tourism, but it needs a stable, year-round supply of rental housing for the workforce. Without any assistance from the provincial government or BC housing, I fear that this community will hollow out and fail to provide these services.

Example: I desperately need housing. Myself and my community need this housing.

**Thank the reader**

 Example: Thank you for your time.

 Example: Thank you for your continued support of affordable housing on Hornby Island

**Sign off**

 Sincerely, your name