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CityWest
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Attention: Stefan Woloszyn, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Stefan Woloszyn:

RE: SUPPORT FOR CONNECTING COMMUNITIES BC APPLICATION

We are writing in support of CityWest's Connecting Communities BC application to enable high-speed connectivity to underserved residents and organizations within the capital region. This project would service 97 homes on Sidney Island with fibre-optic Internet, TV, and phone services.

This project will enable residents and visitors to have reliable and affordable access to high-speed internet, which is vital in today's high-tech connected world. Improved connectivity will result in positive social and economic impacts allowing participation and access to online healthcare, education, social service programs, tele-work, and entrepreneurship activities.

At the CRD we work to support the long-term sustainable growth of our communities. A key enabler to achieve this goal is the ability to connect government and social service offices, businesses, and homes in the CRD to high-speed internet and phone services.

Sincerely,

Cliff McNeil-Smith
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: Paul Brent, CRD Electoral Area Director, Southern Gulf Islands
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD