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**Re: Letter of Support for the Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation (HICEEC) feasibility funding application to the Provincial Government's CONNECTING BRITISH COLUMBIA PROGRAM, Connectivity Infrastructure Strategy to improve internet services on Hornby Island.**

To whom it may concern,

The Hornby Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) is aware that, via the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD), Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) and HICEEC are pursuing access to third party funding to offset the cost of hiring a telecommunications consultant to assist with their rural and remote community connectivity planning. At the September 13, 2019 meeting of the Hornby Island LTC, the following resolution was passed:

**HO-2019-078**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee request the Chair of the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee issue a letter of support similar to the Denman Island Local Trust Committee letter of support, to the same recipients as the Denman Island Local Trust Committee letter, for the feasibility funding application to the Provincial Government's Connecting British Columbia Program, Connectivity Infrastructure Strategy.

**CARRIED**

*Preserving **Island** communities, culture and environment*

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The LTC recognizes the need for improved internet connection on Hornby Island for several reasons including the facilitation of educational opportunities and conducting business. This is indicative of policy in the Hornby Island's Official Community Plan, the policy document that guides land use planning on the island:

### **5.5 Public Utilities and Services**

5.5.8 The provision of high-speed internet access to facilitate educational and commercial opportunities for residents is supported.

As the local government responsible for land use planning on Hornby Island, the LTC strongly supports the work of HICEEC and their efforts to secure funding to pursue solutions for improved internet connectivity for the Hornby Community.

Sincerely,



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