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The Honourable Mélanie Joly
Federal Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages
235 Queen Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H5
Via email: ED.minister-ministre.DE@canada.ca

Dear Minister Joly:

RE: FOLLOW-UP TO OCTOBER 7, 2019 LETTER - INCLUSION OF THE SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS IN COMMUNITY FUTURES

Further to my October 7, 2019 letter to Minister Bains with respect to the Inclusion of the Southern Gulf Islands in Community Futures, this is follow up on that correspondence and our request.

I am respectfully requesting a reply and confirmation that direction to Cowichan Community Futures staff has been given to ensure access and inclusion of Salt Spring Island and the Southern Gulf Islands in the Cowichan Community Futures service area. Formal inclusion of these Electoral Areas of the Capital Regional District should be indicated by the mapped service boundaries on the Cowichan Community Futures website.

As small unincorporated rural communities, this matter is of great importance to the residents and businesses in these areas and would support and acknowledge the local economic development initiatives they are advancing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and if you would like to discuss this personally with me, please contact me at crdchair@crd.bc.ca or 250-360-3125.

Sincerely,

Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District

cc: CRD Board
Robert Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD