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Philippe Doyon  
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Dear Philippe:

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE GALIANO CLUB BCAH GRANT PROGRAM**

I am writing in support of the Galiano Club's application to the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage (BCAH) Program, specifically, the Community Anniversaries funding stream.

The Galiano Club is among the oldest social service societies in the Southern Gulf Islands. On December 5, 2024, the society will have been operating for 100 years. One of its first objectives was to build a public hall to be used to support social and agricultural interests on the island. The hall was completed in 1927 using local materials and labour.

The purpose of the society has evolved over the years. Its current function includes encouraging social, recreational, cultural, and educational activities. The hall continues to be the venue for these activities. The society also owns and administers lands for public use (835 acres or about one sixth of the island), including the Bluffs (1948), Mount Galiano (1991) and the Community Forest (2005). The agricultural interests are now reflected in a Food Program focusing on food security and promoting gardening, farming, and other food related initiatives, including workshops and production of agricultural products.

The Galiano Club hopes to mark the 100th anniversary of the formation of the society by upgrading the foundation of the hall. The building rests on the cedar posts installed when the original part of the building was constructed. Since the Southern Gulf Islands are in an earthquake zone, the cedar posts are inadequate. The Galiano Club intends to put a cement foundation in place to maintain this valuable community resource for the future.

As the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area Director, I support this initiative above all others in the community to commemorate this anniversary. The Capital Regional District is prepared to commit \$5,000 in funding to support this project.



This capital project will support the ongoing work of the Galiano Club both on the island and in their collaboration with other organizations within the Southern Gulf Islands. I support the work that the Galiano Club has been doing for nearly a century to enrich the lives of the residents of Galiano Island.

Sincerely,



Paul Brent  
Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area Director  
Capital Regional District

cc: Colin Plant, CRD Board Chair

