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Dear Chair Plant:

Thank you for your October 31, 2023, letter requesting to expedite the Drake Road supportive housing project on Saltspring Island. I regret the delay in responding.

Thank you for your support of the Drake Road project. I am pleased that it will provide 32 units of supportive housing for the most vulnerable residents of Salt Spring Island. In addition to those 32 units of supportive housing, four units will be available as affordable rental housing for low- to-moderate income Island residents, in response to the community's advocacy for affordable workforce housing.

I appreciate your desire to complete this important work as quickly as possible given the urgent need in the community. As you may be aware, the modular supplier, NRB Modular Solutions, was unwilling to remediate the modular housing intended for Salt Spring Island, leading BC Housing to reassess the project, including how to provide the most value to the community. As a result, the project is now going to consist of new modulares, rather than repurposed modulares and the number of units will be increased from 28 to 36. The building will also have an elevator added to support residents who may require it, as well as air conditioning in all units, and will achieve a Step 4 code energy efficiency rating.

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BC Housing is currently assessing the timeline for the project and is committed to moving forward as quickly as possible. The modular supplier will commence fabrication directly after completing two other BC Housing developments currently underway in their facility. This timeline aligns with the timing of refining the new designs and commencing the substantial civil and site servicing required to the property. Once construction commences on site, BC Housing will begin engagement with the tenants residing at Kings Lane, who will eventually be offered a unit at Drake Road, as well as the rest of the community.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Ravi Kahlon  
Minister of Housing

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ravi Kahlon', written in a cursive style.

Ravi Kahlon  
Minister of Housing