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The Salt Spring Local Community Commission (LCC), a new Capital Regional District (CRD) governing body which has delegated authority over the majority of our local services, is pleased to support the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce's *Vision Zero* application to address accessibility hazards on private property in Ganges Village.

This LCC has taken over the work of a variety of volunteer commissions, including that of the CRD Transportation Commission. Some years ago, that Commission worked hard to identify accessibility hazards in Ganges and approved the *Ganges Accessibility and Safety Plan* in November 2019. While it had some success addressing some of these accessibility concerns, much remains to be done to mitigate accessibility issues on private property in Ganges Village.

Funding from the *Vision Zero* program and partnerships with landowners will ensure that pedestrians and those using mobility devices will have much safer sidewalks, pathways, and curb ramps in Ganges Village, including on property and parking lots owned by the largest land holder in the village, Mouat's Trading Co. Ltd.

Committed to making Ganges safer for all, the LCC is excited about the safety and accessibility benefits of this Chamber of Commerce initiative and urges your support for this project as well.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any question or concerns.

Thank-You,

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