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CityWest
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Via email: Stefan.woloszyn@cwct.ca

Attention: Stefan Woloszyn, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Stefan Woloszyn:

RE: CONNECTED COAST PROJECT: RESILIENCY FOR SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS

At the CRD, we work to support the long-term sustainable growth of our communities. A key enabler to achieve this goal is the ability to connect government and social service offices, businesses, and homes in the CRD to high-speed broadband and cellular networks. Therefore, we are pleased to support an addition to the Connected Coast Project that would extend the fibre-optic cable network from Vancouver to Galiano Island. We understand this project will ensure resiliency with continued, high-quality service in the event of damage to the existing fibre-optic cable or equipment.

The CRD completed a community-based connectivity strategy for the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area in 2021. The plan considers how greater connectivity can advance each island's common goals of sustainable economic development, community health, and resilience.

I wish you much success with your application.

Sincerely,

Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: Paul Brent, Electoral Area Director, Southern Gulf Islands
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
Scott Simpson, Marketing Manager, CityWest