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Stefan Woloszyn, Chief Executive Officer CityWest 248 3rd Ave W., Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1L1 Via email: Stefan.woloszyn@cwct.ca

Dear Stefan Woloszyn:

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSAL BROADBAND FUND APPLICATION TO IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE CONNECTED COAST NETWORK AND LAST MILE INFRASTRUCTURE

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is pleased to support the addition of Musgrave Landing (on Salt Spring Island) to CityWest's Universal Broadband Fund application for Saturna Island. This would help to enable high-speed connectivity to underserved residents and organizations within the Capital Regional District.

We understand this project will enable our residents and visitors to have reliable and affordable access to high-speed internet, which is vital in today's high-tech connected world. Improved connectivity will result in positive social and economic impacts allowing participation and access to online healthcare, education, social service programs, and remote work.

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 Gary Holman, Electoral Area Director, Salt Spring Island Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD Scott Simpson, Marketing Manager, CityWest