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October 8, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

VIA EMAIL: pm@pm.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Federal Funding for Affordable Housing

On October 5, 2020, Saanich Council considered a Report to Council and resolved as follows:

"That:

- 1. The Mayor write on behalf of Council to the Prime Minister and the Federal Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development about Saanich's desire to see British Columbia receive its fair share of federally supported affordable housing;*
- 2. The Mayor write on behalf of Council to the other mayors and councils of municipalities in the Capital Regional District (CRD) encouraging them to express their desire to see British Columbia get its fair share of federally supported affordable housing; and*
- 3. The Mayor request a meeting with local Members of Parliament and the Federal Minister responsible for housing to discuss Saanich's concerns about the equity of federal funding for affordable housing."*

British Columbia has received a minimal amount of the available federal funding for affordable housing, even though the Province is in the midst of a housing crisis. The 0.5% of federal funding currently allocated to British Columbia is not enough to create realistic change in our communities or our Province.

On behalf of Saanich Council, please consider this request to allocate further federal funding for affordable housing to British Columbia in order to assist in making a significant impact on the housing crisis in this Province.

A copy of the report and excerpt of the draft meeting minutes are enclosed for reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Haynes', written over a horizontal line.

Fred Haynes
Mayor
Enclosures

cc: Saanich Council
Paul Thorkelsson, CAO