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To the District of Ucluelet,

My name is Nuala Duggan, and I am the owner of Surfs Inn, a local employer and accommodation provider, as well as Creative Woodcraft, a Vancouver Island trades business that operates within this community. I am writing to express my full support for the Hypocus Island Housing Project ahead of the May 20 public hearing.

As someone who has chosen to build businesses on the west coast of Vancouver Island, I understand firsthand the challenges of recruiting and retaining workers in a community facing a critical shortage of attainable housing. Ucluelet is an extraordinary place to live and work, but without realistic housing options, we risk losing tradespeople, service workers, and young families who want to stay here but simply cannot afford to.

At Surfs Inn, we are fortunate to be able to provide long-term accommodations for our staff, but we have seen how difficult housing availability has become for other local businesses trying to recruit and retain employees. Many employers simply do not have the ability to offer housing, which places significant strain on businesses and limits the long-term sustainability of our workforce.

The Hypocus Island project is exactly the type of development our community needs.

From a business perspective, projects of this scale create meaningful economic benefits locally. Developments like this generate employment across multiple trades, support local contractors and suppliers, and create opportunities that keep investment circulating within our community. The economic impact extends far beyond the construction phase.

More importantly, this project speaks to the kind of community we want Ucluelet to be in the future. A town that can house its workforce — its carpenters, plumbers, electricians, hospitality staff, healthcare workers, and labourers — is a town that can remain vibrant, functional, and sustainable. Without attainable housing, the businesses, services, and community infrastructure that residents and visitors rely on become increasingly difficult to maintain.

I want to see Ucluelet continue to thrive for the next generation, and I believe projects like Hypocus Island are an important part of making that possible.

I respectfully urge the District of Ucluelet to support the rezoning application associated with the Hypocus Island Housing Project, and I appreciate the opportunity to have my support included on the public record.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

**Nuala Duggan**

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