



Denman Community Land Trust Association  
3900 Lacon Road  
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Dear DCLTA Board;

The Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness works as a collective to plan, coordinate, recommend, support and implement community responses to homelessness and affordable housing. There are 19-member agencies, and numerous advisors and friends of the Coalition, who together, developed a 5 year plan with specific goals to reduce homelessness and its impacts locally.

The Comox Valley (including Denman and Hornby Island) needs a continuum of housing solutions that target the full spectrum of age and population groups in our community.

We are pleased to offer our support to the Denman Community Land Trust Association (DCLTA) in its effort to create secure, long-term, affordable housing for low income earners and those on low fixed incomes with a residential commitment to Denman Island.

DCLTA's Project 2 –Seniors' Affordable Housing– would help meet the growing demand on Denman Island for affordable, appropriate and available housing for low income seniors.

According to the May 2015 report from the Office of the Seniors Advocate, "the availability of suitable housing for seniors is lacking most in rural and remote areas of the province." Denman's low-income seniors have a strong and lengthy commitment to their rural environment and are an integral part of the social fabric of Denman Island.

Without the option of rural affordable housing, low income seniors may have no choice but to relocate to urban centres to meet their housing needs –urban areas which are struggling to meet the needs of their own aging population.

Non-profit organizations, such as DCLTA, are essential to addressing affordable housing needs, and we are pleased to offer our support to ensure that everyone in our community has access to appropriate, safe and affordable housing.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Cupelli".

Andrea Cupelli  
Coordinator