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Dear DCLTA Board:

Denman Island Residents Association, formed in 1975, is a voluntary association of residents and property owners, which receives and manages tax dollars through its committees, and provides a forum to examine concerns of relevance to Islanders and also holds special meetings when needed for specific purposes or concerns.

Denman Community Land Trust Association (DCLTA) has our support 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– will 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 centers to meet their housing needs– areas which are struggling to meet the needs of their own aging population.

Non-profit organizations like DCLTA are essential to addressing affordable housing needs.

Yours truly,

R. Shepherd

Ron Shepherd
President: Denman Island Residents Association