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Capital Regional District
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Attention: Carol Hamilton – Chair, Environmental Services Committee

Dear Carol Hamilton:

I am writing to request the support of the Capital Regional District for two initiatives being pursued by the District of Central Saanich (the District) that are intended to improve the marine environment in Brentwood Bay. Both initiatives are intended to address derelict and abandoned boats and vessel related pollution; issues that are shared by several other communities across the Capital Regional District.

The District has applied to the provincial Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MFLNR) for a license of occupation over the waters of Brentwood Bay (the area shown on Map 1, attached). The license area would exclude any existing Land Act authorizations that are already in place (e.g. existing marinas, private docks, etc.). The purpose of the application is to provide the District with the ability to manage vessel moorage within the license area, including management of sewage discharge from moored vessels. As in many other areas of the Capital Regional District, there is currently a high density of moored vessels in Brentwood Bay, some of which are considered derelict/abandoned. Work is already underway, in partnership with the Province and Transport Canada, to remove the abandoned/derelict vessels and unauthorized floats in Brentwood Bay. Should the District's application for a license of occupation be approved by the Province, the area will be managed by the District to prevent a return of unauthorized vessels or float structures. Development of a management plan for the area has begun, with participation by a diverse group of stakeholders including waterfront property owners, liveaboard residents and local marina operators. The proposed license will be non-exclusive (vessels will still be able to pass through the area and anchor temporarily) and will accommodate both live-aboard and temporary visitor moorage buoys, subject to moorage fees and other terms included in moorage agreements.

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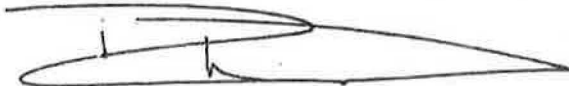
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The District is also in the process of applying to have all of Brentwood Bay declared a Designated Sewage Area, under the federal *Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Chemicals Regulation*. This designation would result in a prohibition of any sewage discharge from vessels in the area, except in pump out stations equipped to receive the sewage in an environmentally safe manner. There are currently two such pump out stations already operating in Brentwood Bay. Other popular coastal anchorages, such as Montague Harbour Marine Park on Galiano Island have been declared Designated Sewage Areas, which raises awareness within the boating community and facilitates enforcement of "no sewage dumping" within the designated area.

The support of the Capital Regional District for both initiatives outlined above would help to ensure that the District of Central Saanich succeeds with the current applications. Thank you for the Environmental Services Committee's consideration of this request. Should additional information on either of these initiatives be required, please contact Ruth Mali (250-544-4500 or ruth.mali@csaanich.ca) or Patrick Robins (250-544-4201 or patrick.robins@csaanich.ca).

Sincerely,

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

Ryan Windsor
Mayor

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Map 1: Proposed boundary of District of Central Saanich license of occupation, and Designated Sewage Area.

