

June 28, 2022

Julian Ward
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Dear Julian Ward

Re: North Cowichan Council Commitment to Affordable Housing at 3191 Sherman Road

North Cowichan Council is supportive of the planned affordable housing project on municipal lands at 3191 Sherman Road and has considered options for increasing the municipal contribution to help ensure the project is successful.

To this end, Council would like to invite the Cowichan Land Trust (CLT) to submit a 2023 grant-in-aid application for up to \$432,000. This would cover approximately half of the estimated building permit fees and Development Cost Charges (DCC) of the project. A grant-in-aid is necessary as Council has not yet considered comprehensive bylaws for waiving or reducing DCCs or permit fees so has no legislative authority to do so at this time. [Grant-in-aid applications](#) must be submitted by October 15 for the following year.

Additionally, Council has committed to a \$75,000 contribution from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund which would be payable upon issuance of an occupancy permit.

Lastly, Council is cognizant of the ongoing operating expenses associated with the project and invites CLT to submit a [permissive tax exemption application](#), following subdivision of the property, for up to half of the property tax payable.

We hope that these actions, as well as the contribution of the land for the project, show Council's commitment to affordable housing in the area.

Sincerely



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