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Date: July 15, 2019 5:06:51 PM

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Date: July 15, 2019 11:03:50 AM

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Subject: RE: Request for meeting with MSR at Salt Spring CHF Echo Announcement event

Date: July 15, 2019 7:05:03 PM

OK, thanks. let's go with:

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Hi Daniela,

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They informed us that the letter from CRD (which would be the recipient of the grant) has not yet been received and is not likely to come till later this week or early next.

That said, we could revise the response to say:

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Daniela - We have received the letter, so I'm planning to change the answer to s.13 – any feedback?

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BCH didn't know as of this morning, but are confirming now.

Meanwhile, attached is the updated QA with the question^{s.13}
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It's Q9. Let us know if approved Daniela?

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Who is the Elder for tomorrow?

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Was just about to hit send to you.

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Liam Butler

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EMCEE SPEAKING POINTS FOR Adam Olsen

MLA for Saanich North and the Islands

Community Housing Fund Echo Announcement for Salt Spring Island project

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:30 a.m.

176 Bishops Walk Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Event contact on site: Samantha Cacnio, BC Housing Cell: s.22

Please check against delivery, this is not a transcript

Event: Community Housing Fund Echo Announcement for Salt Spring Island

project

Time: Event runs from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Length of speech: 5 minutes

Location: The announcement will take place at the project site – 176 Bishops Walk,

Salt Spring Island.

Parking: TBC

Contact: Samantha Cacnio, BC Housing, Cell. s.22

Logistics: Podium event.

Dress Code: Business

Event summary:

 Minister Selina Robinson joins City and non-profit partners for an echo event to announce affordable rental housing project which will provide up to 24 units of rental hosing for low- to moderate-income working families on Salt Spring Island.

Background:

- Salt Spring Island Community Services is planning a new, 24-unit affordable rental housing family housing project within the Ganges Village area.
- The project will be built on a five-acre society-owned property.
- The land is located within the Ganges Village area and adjacent to an established trail to Drake Road and Mouat's Park.
- It's also located within an existing residential neighbourhood and is close to schools and services.
- The rental units will be owned by Salt Spring Island Community Services providing a foundation and revenue stream for ongoing costs.
- Final project approval from BC Housing is scheduled for summer 2019.
- Municipal approvals: the project requires a building permit.
- On Salt Spring Island there is a significant gap between what people can afford to spend
 on housing and actual housing costs. This is documented across the entire housing
 continuum, affecting very low-income households all the way through to moderate and
 above moderate-income households. For families with children, this can mean spending
 more than 30% of their household income to rent housing, often in buildings in poor
 condition or with short-term leases.

Key participants:

- Emcee Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands
- Hon. Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Gary Holman, Director, Capital Regional District
- Jody Hawley, Board Chair, Salt Spring Island Community Services
- Elder TBC

Audience:

• Approximately 30 guests.

Key Messages:

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SPEAKING POINTS FOR Minister Selina Robinson

Community Housing Fund Echo Announcement for Salt Spring Island project

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:30 a.m.

176 Bishops Walk Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Event contact on site: Samantha Cacnio, BC Housing Cell: s.22

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Event: Community Housing Fund Echo Announcement for Salt Spring Island

project

Time: Event runs from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Minister speaks at approximately 10:38 a.m.

Length of speech: 5 minutes

Location: The announcement will take place at the project site – 176 Bishops Walk,

Salt Spring Island.

Parking: TBC

Contact: Samantha Cacnio, BC Housing, Cell: s.22

Logistics: Podium event.

Dress Code: Business

Event summary:

 Minister Selina Robinson joins City and non-profit partners for an echo event to announce affordable rental housing project which will provide up to 24 units of rental hosing for low- to moderate-income working families on Salt Spring Island.

Background:

- Salt Spring Island Community Services is planning a new, 24-unit affordable rental family housing project within the Ganges Village area.
- The project will be built on a five-acre society-owned property.
- The land is located within the Ganges Village area and adjacent to an established trail to Drake Road and Mouat's Park.
- It's also located within an existing residential neighbourhood and is close to schools and services.
- The rental units will be owned by Salt Spring Island Community Services providing a foundation and revenue stream for ongoing costs.
- Final project approval from BC Housing is scheduled for summer 2019.
- Municipal approvals: the project requires a building permit.
- On Salt Spring Island there is a significant gap between what people can afford to spend
 on housing and actual housing costs. This is documented across the entire housing
 continuum, affecting very low-income households all the way through to moderate and
 above moderate-income households. For families with children, this can mean spending
 more than 30% of their household income to rent housing, often in buildings in poor
 condition or with short-term leases.

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Elder - TBC

Audience:

• Approximately 30 guests.

Key Messages:

- Under the old government, the housing crisis was ignored for too long.
- British Columbians are struggling to find homes they can afford. It's affecting young people, seniors, families and it's affecting our economy as businesses, in turn, struggle to find and keep employees.
- Amidst low vacancy rates and high rents, our government has made housing affordability a top priority.
- In less than two years, more than 21,000 homes are completed or underway in nearly 80 B.C. communities.
- We're making the largest housing investment in B.C.'s history to deliver the kind of homes and supports people need, in every corner of the province.
- This progress is possible thanks to our partnerships with local governments, First Nations, non-profit housing providers, and the private sector.

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release [release number]
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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

New affordable homes for Salt Spring Island families

SALT SPRING ISLAND – Low- to moderate-income working families will benefit from 24 much-needed new affordable rental homes in the community.

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Salt Spring Island Community Services is receiving \$2.4 million from the Province's Building BC: Community Housing Fund to build the Salt Spring Commons, located at 176 Bishops Walk. The project will include two- and three-bedroom units within eight triplex buildings. Projected monthly rental rates will range between \$570 for two-bedroom units and \$1,475 for three-bedroom units.

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said Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands and a member of the Rental Housing Task Force. s.13
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The project will be built on a five-acre parcel of land owned by the society with construction expected to start in fall 2019.

"This project is a testament to the power of a community pulling together," said Rob Grant, Executive Director of Salt Spring Island Community Services. "Local donors, along with the provincial government through BC Housing, have made it possible for us as a housing provider to meet a critical and increasing need for affordable housing on Salt Spring."

The development is walking distance from the town centre of Ganges, which has a grocery store, community services, parks and the downtown harbour.

"My heartfelt thanks to this provincial government and Minister Robinson, who have included Salt Spring in the most ambitious affordable housing program in B.C.'s history," said Gary Holman, Salt Spring Island electoral area director. "I also want to thank Salt Spring Community

Services, who have worked so hard for years to bring this project to fruition."

This project is part of more than^{s.13} new homes completed or underway throughout B.C. because of provincial investments, including more than 5,000 homes in mixed-income buildings for people with a range of low, moderate and middle incomes through the Community Housing Fund.

Quick Facts:

- The society is providing \$500,000 in equity, and donated the land valued at \$720,000. The society has also secured \$1 million in private donations.
- Islands Trust will provide \$42,000 in municipal fee reductions.
- The Capital Regional District will provide \$50,000 in Community Works (Gas Tax) funding to help fund investments in energy-efficiency measures for the project.
- This housing development is part of the first series of projects selected to receive funding through the Building BC: Community Housing Fund, a \$1.9-billion investment over 10 years to build more than 14,000 affordable rental homes for people with low and middle incomes.
- Projects built under the Community Housing Fund will reflect the following mix of incomes:
 - 30% of the units will be for middle-income households (with annual incomes up to approximately \$107,000).
 - 50% of the units will be for a range of low- to moderate-income households (incomes below the housing income limits, which range from \$21,000 to \$96,000. Housing income limits represent the income needed to pay the average market rent in a specific community).
 - 20% of the units will be for households with low incomes (up to \$30,000).
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Learn More:

View a map of all announced government-funded housing projects in B.C.: https://www.bchousing.org/homes-for-BC

For a snapshot of progress on B.C.'s 10-year housing plan, visit: https://workingforyou.gov.bc.ca/

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER

For Immediate Release [release number] July 16, 2019 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Province building new homes to meet full spectrum of housing needs

The B.C. government is working in partnership to build 114,000 affordable homes that cover the full spectrum of housing needs for British Columbians by 2028.

Budget 2018 included a \$7-billion investment in the homes people need. As a result of that investment, more than 21,000 new homes are completed, under construction or in the approvals process for a range of people who are struggling to find a place to live, from people who are experiencing homelessness and seniors on fixed incomes, to middle-income families, students and individuals. To date, this includes:

Housing for middle-income earners (households with annual incomes between \$50,000 and \$150,000) – approximately 3,260 homes:

- Building BC: Community Housing Fund: approximately 1,500 rental homes for people with middle incomes.
- HousingHub: approximately 1,760 homes.

Housing for people with low to moderate incomes (including some where rents are based on 30% of household income and others with set rents, which are designed to be affordable; to moderate-income households, in most cases earning less than \$70,000 annually) – approximately 9,200 homes:

- Building BC: Community Housing Fund: approximately 3,700 rental homes for people with low to moderate incomes.
- Affordable Rental Housing Program: nearly 1,600 homes for low to moderate incomes.
- Deepening Affordability Fund: more than 2,150 homes for low to moderate incomes.
- Building BC: Indigenous Housing Fund: more than 1,160 homes for Indigenous peoples, onand off-reserve.
- Regional Housing First Program: more than 600 homes for people with low to moderate incomes.

Housing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness (shelter-rate housing) – more than 2,900 homes:

- Rapid Response to Homelessness: 2,064 homes with 24/7 support.
- Building BC: Supportive Housing Fund: nearly 690 homes with 24/7 support.
- Regional Housing First Program: more than 170 homes for those ready to live independently with supports.

Housing for women and children leaving violence – approximately 340 homes:

 Building BC: Women's Transition Housing Fund: approximately 340 spaces of transition, second-stage and affordable rental housing for women and children leaving violence.

Housing for students – approximately 5,600 homes:

- BC Student Housing Loan Program: approximately 2,700 on-campus student housing units are underway or in the approvals process.
- Nearly 2,900 student housing units are also underway or in development through partnerships with post-secondary institutions.

Total: approximately 21,300 homes

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