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Subject: 37289 Incoming Re: "Investing in Infrastructure Program - British Columbia - Community, Culture and Recreation

Infrastructure."

Date: August 16, 2019 2:04:06 PM **Attachments:** 20190816130834.pdf

Importance: High

Hello Minister Beare,

I am writing today to share with you a letter of support for the Community Hub at Meadowlane which is currently under consideration for the "Investing in Infrastructure Program - British Columbia - Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure."

I've become aware you are part of the group that is considering the successful applications.

Sincerely,

Adam Olsen, MLA

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From: Olsen.MLA, Adam
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Subject: 37200 Incoming Meeting Request - 2021 BC Sesquicentennial

Date: August 6, 2019 2:12:53 PM

Hello Minister's Office,

Adam has asked me to request a meeting once the legislature is in session to discuss the 2021 BC Sesquicentennial.

I would be happy to coordinate with your office to set up this meeting and find a time that will work for the Minister.

All the best.

Christina Winter | Constituency Assistant

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Adam Olsen MLA Saanich North and the Islands

Dear Minister Beare,

As the Member of B.C. Legislative Assembly for North Saanich and the Islands, I want to express my sincere support for the **Community Hub at Meadowlane** on Salt Spring Island for funding under the "Investing in Infrastructure Program - British Columbia - Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure" program.

The Community Hub is a facility that will provide shared space for community groups, clubs and island residents to gather, recreate, play, learn and engage in music, art and cultural activities. No place like this exists on Salt Spring. With large and fully functional meeting space(s), support facilities like fully accessible washrooms, ample parking, a kitchen and storage for materials and supplies, community groups will finally have a place to meet and offer their programs and services. At their recent AGM, the Salt Spring Seniors Society have voted to move out of their old facility in favour of space in the Community Hub. Other groups have already begun to line up to access space once the building is completed - hopefully in 2021.

Under an agreement with e Capital Regional District, this new facility would also serve as an emergency response facility providing shelter and comfort during storms and emergencies like the recent wind and snow events.

None of this will happen without support from all levels of government and the community. Individuals and groups have already stepped-up to voice their support and back that up with letters and commitments. Local support and funding can only go so far on a project of this magnitude and we need the Provincial Government to take a leadership position - the Investing in Infrastructure B.C. program is perfectly suited to assist.

The Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Society (GISRA) application for \$6.2 million in support for the 16,600 sq ft of Community Hub space has passed all of the initial vetting and is currently being reviewed in your office for approval. The total project exceeds \$25 million and local financing and funding has been identified to add to the Provincial Infrastructure funds and make this facility a reality.

I fully support the GISRA application and I heartily encourage you to give it favourable consideration.

HÍ SW KE,

Adam Olsen

MLA for Saanich North and the Islands