



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Quadra Island is one step closer to having an assisted living facility**

**Campbell River, BC** –The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) Board voted at the November 23 regular SRD Board meeting to approve an amendment to an existing zoning bylaw which will allow for the construction of a low-cost assisted living facility in Quathiaski Cove on Quadra Island.

“The senior living facility will have 15 units available for low to medium income seniors. This facility will allow Quadra Island residents to age in place and remain on the Island, close to friends and family as they require greater assistance. I would like to thank the members of the Quadra Island Senior Housing Society and all of the other volunteers who put in countless hours to seeing this project through,” says SRD Electoral Area C (Discovery Islands and Mainland Inlets) Director Jim Abram. “The facility will bring us closer to achieving the vision and goals outlined in the Quathiaski Cove Village Plan, which will increase the Village density and provide multi-generational low-cost housing options.”

Funding for the estimated \$3.5 million project has come largely from BC Housing, through the Investment in Housing Innovation Program. North Island MLA and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Claire Trevena, has been a supporter of the project since its inception.

“Our government understands the importance of safe and affordable housing. This project is very important for people aging on Quadra,” Claire Trevena said. “I am very happy to hear that the Strathcona Regional District has approved the zoning bylaw. The Quadra Island Seniors Housing Society can now move onto the next phase of the project. I would like to congratulate the members of the Society for their hard work and dedication.”

The estimated \$3.5 million project has been funded through grants and low-interest loans from BC Housing, Canadian Mortgage and Housing’s Seed Funding Grant, equity already owned by the Quadra Island Seniors Housing Society and by community donations.

The Strathcona Regional District is a partnership of four electoral areas and five municipalities providing services to approximately 43,000 residents.

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