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Re: Support for Grant Application: Texada/Gillies Bay Airport, Development Plan

Thursday, August 15, 2018

Dear Mr. Wall,

The Texada Island Chamber of Commerce is pleased to express our support for the grant application being submitted by the qathet Regional District to the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program for a Master Development Plan of the Texada/Gillies Bay Airport.

The Texada/Gillies Bay airport is an extremely valuable asset for Texada's economic development. A professionally-drafted, long-term development plan could be helpful to allowing Texada to proceed with building the airport in the quickest, most cost-effective manner. We'd like to emphasize that a professional bid and plan should be centred on keeping the costs down while going ahead in development at the earliest possible opportunity. Please consider drafting your bid proposal outline with that emphasis.

As a community stakeholder of this important economic asset, the Chamber would like to:

- be advised of the marketing plan to announce the contract, and assist with marketing the contract closing date;
- assist your review of the bids, as part of an advisory committee, perhaps along with the Airport Advisory Committee and the Texada Island Airport Society before an applicant is chosen;
- be available to work with the winning bidder as a liaison with the community in terms of meeting island needs, and employing Texada Island human and material resources wherever and whenever possible.

Please keep me apprised of the progress on this grant request and I will be pleased to work with you or to provide a Chamber liaison representative in any of the important project milestones as they progress.

Yours sincerely,

Cindy Babyn  
President  
Texada Island Chamber of Commerce