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In today's world of ever-increasing technology, much of which relies on internet connectivity, fast, reliable internet service is important. In remote areas, where options are severely limited, fast, reliable internet is essential.

Texada Island is just such an area – remote, limited services, very little shopping beyond food, scant employment opportunities. The ability to function online is essential, for both shopping and conducting business and for remaining in contact with family and friends, especially in this time of pandemic. There is limited internet choice on Texada. And, despite the best efforts of the Gillies Bay Internet Society, Gillies Bay has limited service and reliability due to line-of-sight restrictiveness.

Any project that increases internet accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and speed is greatly welcomed on Texada Island. The Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the Gillies Bay Internet Society's efforts to improve the connectivity of the island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elayne Boloten". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Elayne Boloten

Secretary

Texada Island Chamber of Commerce