

**qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION
January 24, 2024**

Public Hearing Report - Agricultural Land Reserve Application for Exclusion in Gillies Bay, Texada Island

MOVED and SECONDED

1. THAT the Board supports the application to the Agricultural Land Commission to exclude a 3.2 hectare parcel of land (legally described as The North East 1/4 Of Section 9 Texada Island District Except Plans 12042, 14959, 16670, 17746, 21635 and BCP44229) from the provincial Agricultural Land Reserve to accommodate a proposed seniors housing project at the corner of Gillies Bay Road and Airport Road on Texada Island.

2. THAT the Board direct staff to submit the ALC Application ID: 69527 to the Agricultural Land Commission including a copy of the Board's resolution of support and that the following comments be included in support of the application:
 - a. The Board respectfully understands that the purpose of the Agricultural Land Commission is to preserve agricultural land and encourage farming;

 - b. There is a well-documented need for seniors' affordable housing on Texada Island in the qathet Regional Housing Needs Report (Mar 2021), and TINSHS Texada Seniors Housing Needs Report (May 2023);

 - c. There are currently no other available locations for seniors housing within walking distance of the Gillies Bay village that are not in the Agricultural Land Reserve or affected by natural hazard areas;

 - d. The Land Capability for Agriculture Assessment states that the potential for agricultural use is constrained due to multiple and variable limitations to agriculture; and

 - e. That the land will be used for forestry under the Private Managed Forest Act and not farming if the seniors housing project is not developed.

MOTION CARRIED.

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct resolution of the Board of the qathet Regional District at its meeting dated January 24, 2024.



Michelle Jones, Manager of Administrative Services
Dated this 29th day of January, 2024.