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Dear OCP Steering Committee,

First thank you all for your efforts. I would like to add my voice to the community's vision for a strong OCP.

Please take into consideration my strong support for the following statements (adapted from the True Green website) and work to integrate them into the revised OCP.

1. I support smart growth, a “complete community” approach to development that protects green space, uses infrastructure and tax dollars efficiently, consumes less energy, and creates livable, walkable communities in a rural setting. For Bowen Island, this means zoning that allows smaller lots and encourages a diversity of housing—including more multi-family attached townhomes and low-rise apartments.

2. I believe affordability is the cornerstone of a healthy community. I support the Bowen Island Affordable Housing Policy statement of intent to deliver affordable housing units as a part of any new development or redevelopment on Bowen. People who work on the island should be able to live on the island, and vice versa.

3. I support “aging in place” by ensuring we have accessible transportation, walkways, parking, public buildings and washrooms. We encourage a range of housing and care options, support for caregivers, and opportunities for older residents to work, volunteer, and interact with people of all ages within our community.

These are critical concerns of mine. I may have borrowed others' words to state them, but that does not diminish their importance. Should the revised OCP not reflect these concerns in some form, I would find myself strongly moved to ask the next council to begin the OCP process again.

Thank you for your attention.

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