



August 30, 2026

The Honourable Christine Boyle
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
PO Box 9236 Stn. Prov Govt
Victoria, BC. V8W 9J1

Dear Minister Boyle:

Re: North Saanich Official Community Plan

We write jointly on behalf of three North Saanich community organizations regarding the Ministry of Housing's June 16, 2026 correspondence to North Saanich Council and the potential for further provincial action affecting planning and land use in North Saanich.

We share the Province's commitment to increasing housing supply and to ensuring that municipalities, including ours, contribute meaningfully to meeting British Columbia's housing needs. Our request is not that the Province step back from these objectives, but that we be given the opportunity to achieve them together.

With that in mind, we respectfully ask the Province to pause consideration of any directives or mandatory planning measures for North Saanich for a period of six months. This pause would allow time for further consultation with the community on the issues raised in the Ministry of Housing's correspondence, and for the District of North Saanich to work collaboratively with the Ministry as the District begins implementing its Official Community Plan to demonstrate the results it can achieve.

We note that municipal elections will be held on October 17th. A six-month pause would allow the incoming council to engage collaboratively with the Province with a fresh mandate from the community, thus ensuring that any decisions about North Saanich's planning future are made with, rather than ahead of, the voices of its residents. We believe this sequencing would strengthen, not delay, the outcomes the Province is seeking.

The OCP provides the District's comprehensive framework for accommodating housing and growth while addressing the particular circumstances of North Saanich, including infrastructure and servicing capacity, transportation, agriculture, environmental considerations and regional planning responsibilities. The OCP reflects an integrated approach to these issues rather than addressing individual planning measures in isolation.

We believe the appropriate next step is to allow the OCP framework to be implemented, and its effectiveness assessed through actual outcomes, which would provide a sound basis for determining what, if any, further provincial measures may be necessary. A pause would not diminish the Province's housing objectives or oversight role.

We believe this approach serves both the Province and the District of North Saanich. It respects the democratic process now underway, supports better outcomes for environmental sustainability, and helps deliver housing that is appropriate to this rural community, all within a constructive and collaborative relationship.

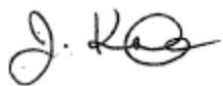
We therefore respectfully ask that the Province defer any directives or additional mandatory measures for six months, allowing North Saanich to consult further with its community and implement its OCP.

To provide clarity to North Saanich residents we would appreciate a response to our request for a six-month pause by September 11th, 2026.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you or your staff at your convenience to discuss this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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