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To Mayor and Council Municipality of Central Saanich

RE Legion Manor Victoria – Aryze – Hovey Road Development

As you all may have noticed, as your Member of Parliament I try not to intervene in municipal matters. I will always go to bat for Central Saanich and other municipal and local governments in Saanich-Gulf Islands seeking federal support. As you know I worked in support of the approval of funding for the Keating Cross Road overpass and highway improvements. I am honoured to work for you.

I write today because I am so deeply grateful for the community service provided for low-income seniors for over a half a century by Legion Manor. The pressing need for affordable housing is clear to us all.

Local small business is challenged by being unable to find affordable workforce housing. These challenges are shared across Canada. Lack of affordable housing is a national crisis. It is particularly acute for low-income seniors.

In this context I am so grateful that Central Saanich can make such a difference for our community by approving the application before you for the Hovey Road Development.

The collaboration between the Royal Canadian Legion and Aryze is unusual but welcome. I do not think I have ever seen a respected charitable organization like the Royal Canadian Legion working with a private sector developer to fill such critical local needs.

As a local resident, more than as an M.P. I felt I had to write.

This project really matters. Thank you for allowing me the chance to express my strong support!

Elizabeth May, O.C.

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