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To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for the proposed Bowen Island Community Centre being submitted to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant by the Bowen Island Municipality.

I have lived on Bowen for twenty-five years and have been on many community organization boards.

I use the current community recreation facilities four times a week for Pilates, spin class and the community weight room. My children attend sports, gym games and youth fitness.

These activities take place at the School Gym, weight room and Fitness Studio which are all in different buildings.

Whilst the current provision is wonderful in many ways, the gym is only available after school and weight room is small with no windows or ventilation. Also, because the classes take place in several different buildings, I have to drive to multiple places to drop-off and pick up which can be very inconvenient and quite stressful, especially if the classes are running at the same time.

This new, multipurpose facility would not only provide an improved recreational facility for me before I start work but would bring together all the services under one roof, so I no longer have the stress of driving back and forth between buildings in a short period of time.

In conclusion, I truly believe this new Community Centre is exactly what Bowen needs and will be a huge benefit to our community. I fully support the efforts of the Bowen Island Municipality as they seek external funding to deliver this much needed facility.

Warm regards,

Billie Bowens