



## SCHOOL DISTRICT 64 (GULF ISLANDS)

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May 29, 2012

Honourable George Abbott  
Minister of Education  
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt,  
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Dear Minister Abbott,

**Re: Salish Sea Statement: Cycling and Rural Mobility**

Rural cycling, though enormously popular, is more complex than most people think. The conditions and requirements for cycling along country roads, riding across counties and pedaling between hamlets propose unique standards, challenges and joys.

The *Salish Sea Statements* defines these differences from a rural point-of-view. Nine evidence-based principles propose an opportunity for investing in rural communities and connecting rural/urban interests and networks. Simply put, it's an expression of our freedom to move.

The following motion was passed at our May 9, 2012 meeting:

*"It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education accepts the Salish Sea Statements: Cycling and Rural Mobility and will write a letter of support for the Salish Sea Statements and the Velo Village Conference, June 22, 2012."*

The Salish Sea Statements: Cycling and Rural Mobility can be viewed at:

<http://velovillage.ca/conference/sss-crm/>.

Yours very truly,

May McKenzie  
Chairperson  
School District #64 (Gulf Islands)

p.c. Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development  
Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure  
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