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Trustees Thorn, Wright and Patrick

We send this letter to voice our strong opposition to the Trust Council passing the proposed Trust Policy Statement (TPS) – Draft Bylaw 183 to 1<sup>st</sup> reading on July 8<sup>th</sup>!

Further we ask that this overreaching document not merely be delayed, but indeed be scrapped.

We would like to commend Trustees Thorn and Patrick, for publicly stating that you will not be voting in favour of sending Draft Bylaw 183 to 1<sup>st</sup> reading. It is clear to us that you have recognized the Trust's failure to not only involve a broad scope of residents in the consultation process, but have not kept those residents informed during the creation of this draft bylaw. We urge all 26 Trustees to stop the process!

While our concerns about the long-term and the far-reaching effects that this draft document will have, that is beyond the scope of our letter. We are hopeful those concerns can and will be addressed by a fresh restart, by amending and updating the current TPS, and truly including the consultation process with All Islands Residents.

It has been pointed out that our current TPS has not had a major update in something like 27 years, it follows then that it has obviously withstood the test of time, therefore we must not be subject to a predetermined deadline to have this new draft TPS, the foundational document that affects all of us, adopted!

With respect to Reconciliation with First Nations, we have recently been made aware of a group of First Nations people who have a long-established history on Galiano Island and are known, we believe, as the "Coast Salish of Galiano" and yet we understand that

this group is not recognized by the Islands Trust. If indeed the Trust does not recognize and has not consulted with the Coast Salish of Galiano, it further calls into question the Island Trusts consultation and reconciliation process while developing the Draft Bylaw.

It appears to us that while writing the Draft Bylaw, the Trust has created silos of communities, many of which in our opinion are beyond Trust's mandate of Land Use and to "Preserve and Protect" the Islands Trust Area and has inserted itself as the gate keeper for determining what is best for those communities and our TPS. An open and consultative public process, with the Trust acting as the facilitator, will not only break down those silo walls but will help develop a Trust Policy Statement that will be inclusive and supported by a majority within most of those communities, but more importantly the Trust Islands Area residents whom you serve.

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