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Dear Peter,

I listened attentively on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning on Zoom to the Island Trusts Meetings. Thank you for the opportunity.

When I suggest that the Islands Trust behaves in a similar manner to BC Parks. With BC Parks we receive a two day notice before they drop a serious issue on the table for all Salt Springers and the Residents of British Columbia. With Islands Trust it's after the fact. We received our notice of "Islands 2050: The Future of The Trust Area", in our mailbox on Friday a day after the fact.

It has quietly taken the Trust and Staff - 18 months to come this far with your proposal. The common thinking amongst some Trustees, is with a short engagement period with Land Owners things will be wrapped by December. Judging how things work on Salt Spring Island with our piece meal attitude towards Governance. I find that timeline very ambitious. Once Laura and Peter begin to approach our Community on your Policies, I think it will become abundantly clear how contentious some of your ideas truly are.

For the 6 Trustees who supported going forward with the current Policy out of 26. I encourage you and your Chair to seek the advice of the Minister of Municipal Affairs on what can and cannot be legally addressed by the Islands Trust towards Rate Payers. Thereby mitigating time, effort and costs for those who fund the Islands Trust activities. If the Trust know's the areas that can be addressed, it would indeed streamline the current process you have embarked upon. If not, I see a lot of legal wrangling on the horizon, not only from the Residents of Salt Spring Island but across the whole Trust Area. If my numbers are correct 9 out of 46 Residents who spoke at Wednesday night's Town Hall supported your Agenda. It's interesting to note for our local Salt Spring Island Trustees that there was only 1 supporter from our Community.

BC Parks flagrantly discounts Due Process. I hope for all 26,000 Residents of the Gulf Islands, that's not the case at the Islands Trust going forward.

Best Regards, David Courtney.

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Salt Spring Island, BC

