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Subject: TPS Saltspring Island

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the TPS and am concerned it does NOT carry out the mandate of the Trust. The Trust Policy should include:

- Protecting the Islands from over-development by enforcing island LIMITS ON GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT as stated in the current TPS. The new draft TPS uses the term “manage development” which leaves it open to undefined development-friendly interpretation.
- Define the word “ENVIRONMENT” as referring to NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. Although used throughout the document, it is not defined and needs definition as well as clear language on Environment being our natural environment, the more detailed that definition is carried out, the less it is open to careless interpretation for development at all costs.
- ALL TYPES of marine based and land0-based NATIVE ecosystems, including, but not limited to wetlands and riparian areas should be protected against further degradation and reverse impacts of developments.
- Directives or requirements are needed to assure assure that especially the increases in density for affordable and workforce housing are tied to to BINDING AGREEMENTS to assure affordability.
- DIRECTIVES should be MANDATORY, so the document is enforceable, and not open to interpretation or disregard.

We live on a small Island, which is a limited and closed system, unlike your typical community on the mainland or big island. Solutions and definitions that work otherwise are useless and potentially damaging to the sensitive natural system which sustains our very existence here, it is not just a catchphrase or luxury. We have limited resources (shortage of water without mountainous run-off to replenish during the dry months being a major factor) and once they are exhausted or destroyed we become unsustainably dependant on resources off island and our quality of living will become unbearably impacted. Balancing the human factor with maintaining sustainability is of utmost importance. The limiting factors are plenty and will become even more so with climate change and all its devastating impacts (severe weather, droughts, rising ocean levels) we are just starting to experience - any growth MUST be within well carried out long term considerations on how this small island can sustain human activity for the far future, not just the next decade. .

Thank you for your consideration, Ellen Hansen

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