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Cc: HMA.Minister@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Draft TPS, OCP review

Islands Trust Trustees,

As you know, perhaps better than most, the core Trust Act mandate is “to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment.” Back in 2023, I was shocked when council suddenly decided to define “unique amenities” as “broad-ranging and may include issues such as, but not limited to, housing, livelihoods, infrastructure and tourism”! You listed factors common to every community and dared to call them unique! Can you blame residents for seeing this as a blatant attack on the fragile and unique ecosystems of the Gulf Islands? Is this ridiculous definition not a clear attempt to weaken the legal protections you swore to uphold?

If you're acting in good faith, what is the rush to push through a revised Trust Policy Statement before the October trustee elections? The TPS sets the bar for all OCPs and bylaws and your indecent haste is reckless and undemocratic. I believe you have lost the faith and trust of the majority of Gulf Islanders, and should allow the newly elected trustees to complete the process. Furthermore, it is an abuse of process to proceed with rewriting OCPs before the TPS revision is complete!

I stand with our MLA Rob Botterell and his statement, “the preservation and protection of the Trust Area is nonnegotiable.”

I am sending a copy of this letter to Housing and Municipal Affairs Minister Christine Boyle, and will encourage my fellow Salt Spring Islanders to send the Minister their concerns.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

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