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To Council Members

Please find attached a letter I offer as feedback to the 2050 policy change process currently being considered.

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Islands Trust Council

Submitted via Email

Re Islands 2050 Policy Initiative

Dear Members of the Council,

I am writing this letter to express my interest and concern with reference to the new Islands 2050 policy change initiative that has recently come to my, and the public's attention.

First, I would like to make it clear that I am a supporter of the Islands Trust and what has been accomplished with the trust and its original and existing mandate:

"To preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of residents of the trust area and of the province generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the Government of British Columbia."

As a federation of islands, the Islands Trust carries out this provincial mandate both at local and regional levels, and works with residents, First Nations, local governments, improvement districts, provincial and federal agencies, and other organizations to fulfill its mandate.

What deeply concerns me when I review the first draft of the 2050 new policy mandate is that its stated terms of reference have been very limited in development (3 main guiding themes: Reconciliation, Climate Change, Affordable Housing) and makes very sweeping and general recommendations for very significant changes. The key element that appears to be missing from the first draft is or was the lack of public consultation to make the initial draft policy statement. I also generally feel that much of the policy change being considered is well beyond the purview or scope of the Islands Trust as a governing body.

I have taken the time to review the draft policy statement and to take the posted feedback survey on your website. Unfortunately, in my opinion, the survey is somewhat flawed and it does not really allow for input into the policy statement itself, but only to give some vague approval or disapproval to general areas of same.

The main overriding area of concern I have is that it seems to not place much or any priority to the general public's use of the lands, the rights of private property owners, nor the rights of the private business owners, all who are currently part of the Islands Trust community. This is clearly and rightly causing significant concerns as I am sure you are all now well aware of the flood of fairly negative feedback and concern being expressed on each island.

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The recommendations being made have very significant impact on land use, land management, and public use of the lands and the structure and recommendations for managing same via as yet un known and not proven or tested form of first nations local management.

The rights of private property owners must be carefully considered and should surely be included in the terms of reference, and in keeping with the Islands Trust stated goals that I included in this letters opening.

I feel that much more care and attention needs to be placed on the actual and realistic implementation of this change in policy to ensure that it can successfully interact and work with existing authorities that manage these areas. As written, it seems to be very vague in actual detail while making sweeping suggestions for the management of the Islands Trust area which will surely lead to confusion and a lack support. Again, I also feel that much of the policy deals with areas beyond the scope of responsibility of the Islands Trust.

Unfortunately, I only became aware of the draft policy statement very recently and was very surprised at the sweeping nature of the changes being suggested and the deep impact it would have on the islands in terms of land use, public access to the land and waterfront, foreshore management, and the rights of private property owners.

I offer my support and appreciation for the effort and time needed to make these types of policy changes. But, I would respectfully request that much more time be given to both informing the public of the reason for the policy change, more time given for proper feedback, and more time for consultation in general to ensure that any change in policy meets the mandate and scope of responsibility of the Islands Trust itself and that it has a clear path forward that will not create confusion and risk of failure in its implementation, and / or to not damage the Islands themselves and the spirit of the Islands Trust.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Scott Lindsay', written in a cursive style.

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