
From: Gabriola2050
Sent: Thursday, November 27, 2025 2:18 PM
To: Shalini Nakai; Nadine Mourao
Subject: FW: Focus Group meetings

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 8:08 AM
To: Susan Yates <syates@islandstrust.bc.ca>; Gabriola2050 <Gabriola2050@islandstrust.bc.ca>; northinfo <northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Focus Group meetings

Hi Susan

Thanks, just over 10 % of the population on Gabriola participated, dismal at best.

I see secondary suites on small lots were most popular, of course it would be, who doesn't want to cover their monthly expenses with someone else helping them. Now we are into the density question! Tiny homes on wheels are simply people looking for a magic bullet least expensive way to to get an ADU on their property. Again a density issue. What seems to follow Tiny homes are metal shipping containers for storage are they also going to be factored into the ADU?

As I have stated previously, the devil is in the details, the planners have to let the electorate know what a DPA means, they have to let them know what the consequences and obligations of being in a DPA requires financially and legally. As well as how Trustees have veto power over any land use decision by a show of two hands in the air. Not even a unanimous 3 hands requirement.

The Islands Trust will get more participation if all of this detail is relayed to them.

Informed transparent governance!

The public has a right to know who participated in these focus groups, these groups are making their opinions part of the OCP process by having staff interact with them.

My letters to the Islands Trust are public record anyone can read them, please make the names and notes of the focus groups public, otherwise remove their input from the public discourse regarding the OCP.

Please do make this email part of the public record. I welcome feedback from anyone.

Regards
Gavin

On Nov 25, 2025, at 9:33 PM, Susan Yates <syates@islandstrust.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Gavin,

There was a dedicated staff person for each Focus Group meeting, who took notes and then mailed them back to participants to ensure their comments were accurately recorded. Their work was then summarized in the 'What We Heard' report below.

I don't know if this helps; it's one part of the public input for the ongoing OCP project, which also includes online submissions, survey results, and public input at LTC meetings. Any time you ask for a letter or comments to be included in the OCP work, it becomes part of the public record and if you send comments specifically to gabriola2050@islandstrust.bc.ca they go directly to the OCP submissions.

Regards,
Susan

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/gabriola-island-ocp-review-phase-2-what-we-heard-report/>