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Islands 2050 engagement results and next steps

Lək'wəḡən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – At the June 2022 Trust Council meeting, ISL Engineering shared the results from the third phase of engagement for the Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment, along with a high-level overview of the engagement process. Trust Council was also presented with engagement summary reports from a second phase of early and meaningful engagement with First Nations and a first phase of agency referrals.

Between February and April 2022, over 2,000 participants shared their thoughts on proposed draft changes to the Islands Trust Policy Statement through a wide range of online and in-person engagement activities across the Islands Trust Area. This included 24 in-person community events, 3 virtual community events, a number of focus groups, and an online/paper survey. The 93-page Engagement Summary Report summarizes the feedback and input received from members of the public, including input captured in almost 1,300 completed surveys.

“A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the recent phases of Islands 2050 engagement on the draft new Islands Trust Policy Statement,” said Peter Luckham, Trust Council Chair. “We had some great conversations, heard a diverse range of views, and learned a great deal from community members across the Trust Area, and others who care deeply about the preservation and protection of this special region. Now it’s time for Trust Council to consider and balance the feedback we received, and make decisions together as a Council regarding next steps for the project.”

During the June 2022 meeting, Trust Council discussed and responded to the engagement summary reports by passing several resolutions for amendments to the draft new Policy Statement and directing Trust Programs Committee to develop further recommendations for consideration by Executive Committee and Trust Council in September 2022.

Trust Council is grateful to everyone who took the time to participate in the third phase of engagement for the Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project. All three engagement summary reports have been posted to the [Islands 2050 webpage](#), along with other helpful fact sheets and resources about the project.

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About Islands Trust

Islands Trust is a special-purpose government representing over 30,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust Area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to many Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area's unique amenities and environment through conservation-oriented land use planning and regulation, education, and cooperation with First Nations and other agencies. The Islands Trust Area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5,200 square kilometres.

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Preserving and protecting over 450 islands and surrounding waters in the Salish Sea

Bowen, Denman, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Hornby, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis
