

# Islands 2050:

The Future of the Trust Area

Policy Statement Amendment Project



Draft New Islands Trust  
Policy Statement

Bylaw No. 183

Project Overview &  
Amendment Highlights

# Acknowledgment

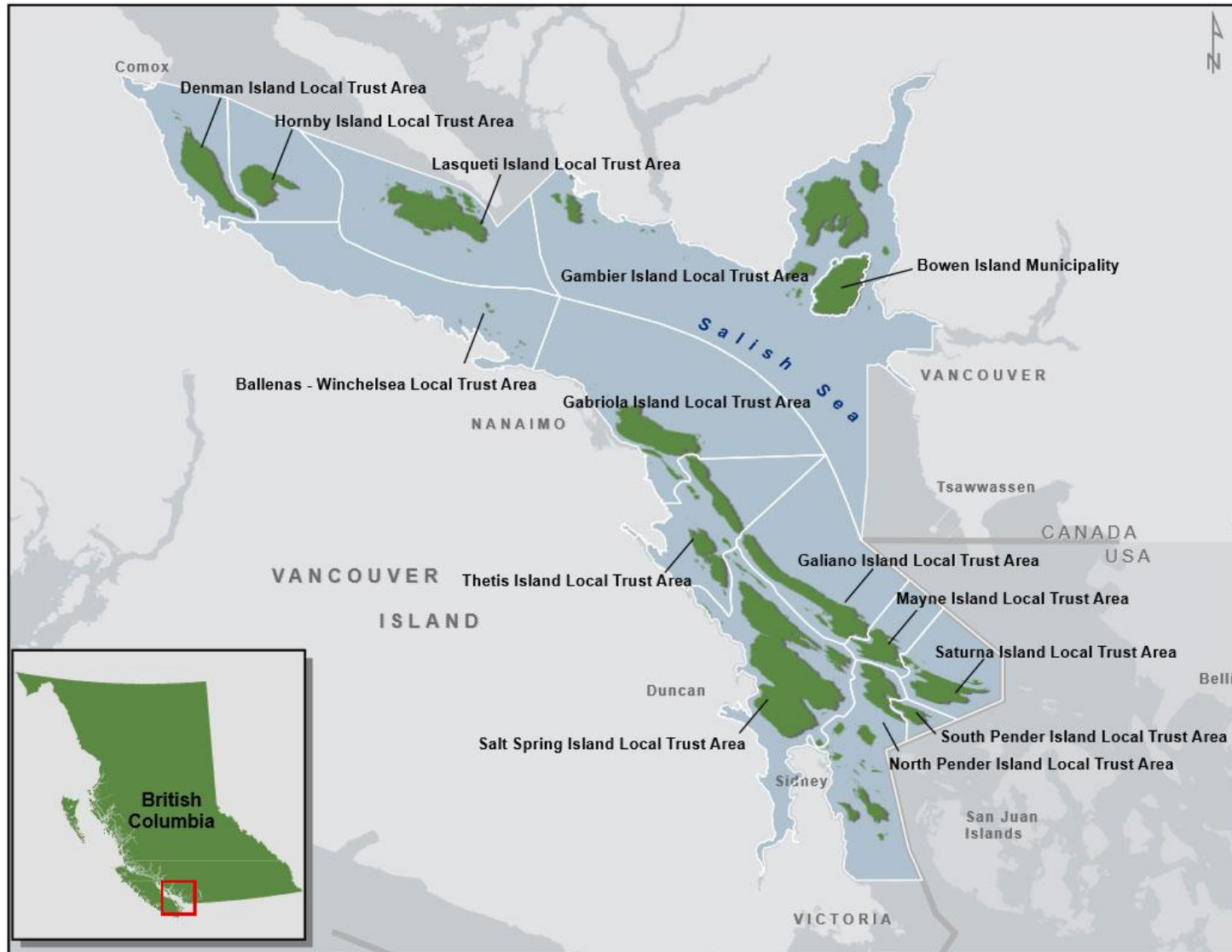
*We respectfully and humbly acknowledge...*

The Islands Trust Area is located within the treaty lands and territories of the BOKÉCEN, K'ómoks, Lək'wəḡən, Lyackson, MÁLEXEŁ, Qualicum, Cowichan Tribes, scəwáθən məsteyəx<sup>w</sup>, Scia'new, səlilwətaḡt, SEMYOME, shíshálh, Sḵwḵwú7mesh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Spune'luxutth, SḶÁUTW, Stz'uminus, ʔaḡəmen, toq qaymıx<sup>w</sup>, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, WJOLEŁP, WSIKEM, Xeláltxw, Xwémalhkwu/ḡop qaymıx<sup>w</sup>, and x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əḡəm.

*...these lands and waters have been home to Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial*

*...we honour the rich history, stewardship, and cultural heritage of this place*

# Islands Trust Area



# Islands Trust Object

A Regional Vision to Preserve and Protect

## Islands Trust Act (1974)

### Islands Trust Object:

*“to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia.”*

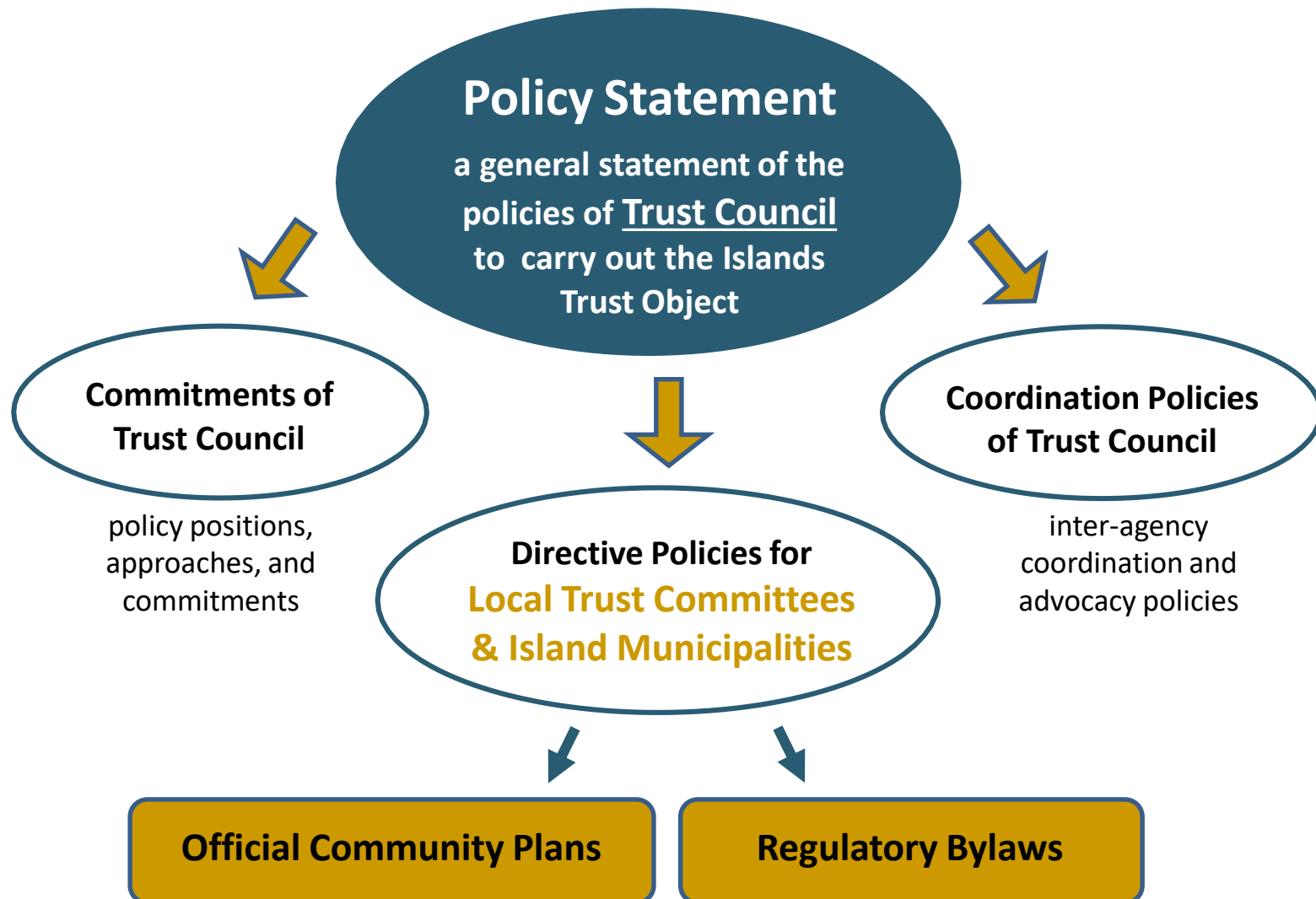
### Policy Statement

a general statement of the policies of Trust Council to carry out the Islands Trust Object

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# Islands Trust Policy Statement

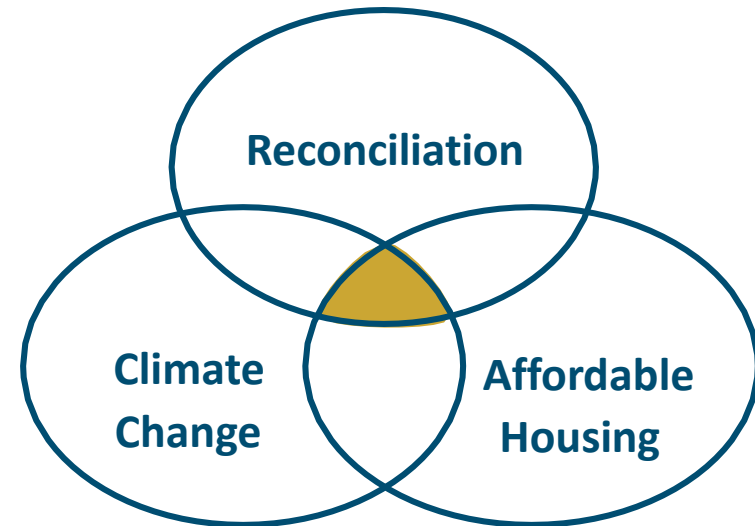


# Policy Statement Amendment Project

## Trust Council 2018-2022 Amendment Priorities:

### General Update of:

- Introduction
- Part 1
- Part 2
- Schedule 1



### Multiple Streams of Input:

- First Nations Engagement
- Public Engagement
- Statutory Mandates
- Inter-Agency Collaboration
- Trust Council's Committees
- Staff Advisors

# Reconciliation

## Amendment Highlights



- Acknowledgment of First Nations' relationships with the islands and waters in the Salish Sea since time immemorial
- Trust Council Reconciliation Declaration and commitment to be guided by reconciliation principles in:
  - Truth & Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action
  - United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
  - *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (DRIPA)
  - Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice (MMIWG)
- Trust Council commitment to seek meaningful engagement with First Nations in the Trust Area
- Removal of offensive language
- New Part 5 (Heritage) + new policies related to Indigenous cultural heritage, culturally significant species, and Indigenous Ways of Knowing
- Enhanced protection of coastal and marine environment, Indigenous food security, and shoreline archaeological sites

# Climate Change

## Amendment Highlights



- Enhanced multidisciplinary knowledge base for decision-making
- “It’s not a resource, it’s a relationship” -> fostering relational, restorative, and regenerative approaches to ecosystem stewardship
- Directives for precautionary approaches, climate vulnerability assessments, adaptive management, and nature-based solutions
- Preservation of natural areas for carbon sequestration
- Enhanced focus on establishing protected area networks that protect ecological integrity, biodiversity and species migration corridors
- Bolder protective policies around coastal and marine protection, including prohibitions of:
  - new private docks (except boat-access only properties)
  - new desalination plants
  - new seawalls or hard shoreline armouring
- Directives for low-impact and low-carbon modes of sustainable development and transportation



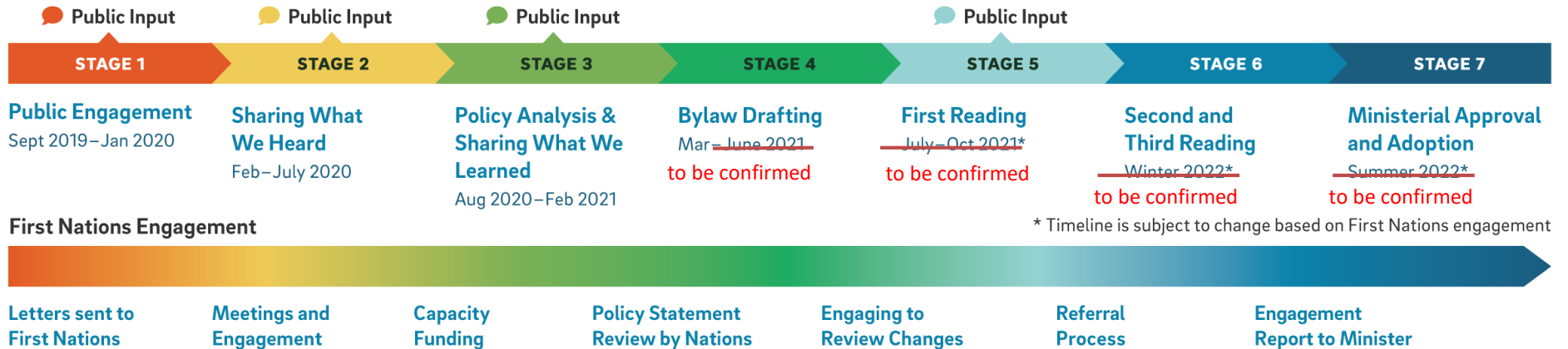
# Affordable Housing

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- New Section 6.2 devoted to low-impact, affordable housing
- Commitment to foster strategic, multijurisdictional, equitable, and integrated approach to address housing needs
- Directives to identify appropriate locations where density increases could support affordable housing without compromising other policy priorities
- Directives to assess and, where necessary, regulate impacts of short-term rentals on housing availability and affordability
- Directives to identify appropriate floor area and lot coverage limits for residential development
- Commitment to inter-agency coordination and advocacy to foster safe, secure, and affordable housing for Trust Area communities and Indigenous Peoples, in alignment with the Islands Trust Object

# Project Timeline



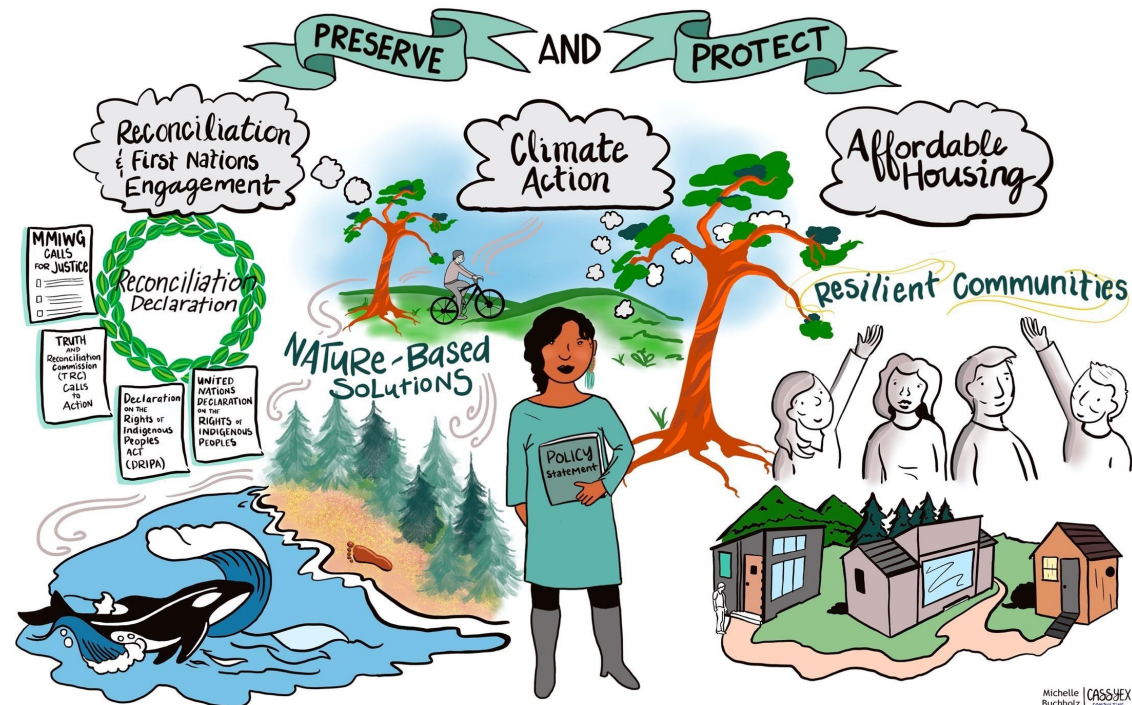
## Recent Updates :

- July 2021:** Trust Council received the draft new Policy Statement and called for expanded public engagement, early and meaningful engagement with First Nations (including capacity funding), and agency referrals prior to First Reading
- Next Steps:**
  - Trust Council will be receiving multiple streams of feedback from now until early 2022
  - Staff will compile a summary of feedback and recommendations for new amendments
  - Trust Council will direct staff to make new amendments to the draft new Policy Statement
  - First Reading is expected to occur in Spring 2022 or later
  - First Nations will receive a formal referral of the draft new Policy Statement *after* First Reading (after the current round of feedback has been integrated)

# More Information

Find detailed project information at:  
[islandstrust.bc.ca/islands2050](https://islandstrust.bc.ca/islands2050)

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# Questions?

