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To all Esteemed Trust Members

I am frustrated by the preponderance of rhetoric and lack of action that continues to emerge from Trust directives . SAVE THE ECOSYSTEMS. Yes , but how and when? When will DEVELOPMENT PERMITS be used to save our valued and disappearing Douglas Fir? When will OCEAN PARKS be established to prohibit fishing in waters that are the nurseries for the surrounding Salish Sea? When will BYE LAWS permit tiny houses, composting toilets, grey water systems, and require water harvesting? When will our PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT system become fair instead of driven by the REAL ESTATE MARKET which results in steadily increasing property values and people of wealth parking their money in land they use as a playground while devoiding our communities of contributing members. We all see the problems. Many of us see the solutions. The task before you is to lobby the government on behalf of island residents to make the necessary changes. I, for one, am tired of the recycling of platitudes. You have no teeth to perform what is required of you? Then why are you there at all? An entire beaurocratic system has been built around DOING NOTHING at a time when CHANGE IS CRITICAL.

I applaud your values, the fact that you are listening, and I understand that your hands are tied. So figure out a way to break those bonds. People have power but must rise up. Put your energy into making reforms that enable you to really PRESERVE AND PROTECT. BE worthy of the title ISLANDS TRUST.

Sincerely,
Maureen Loiselle, Thetis Island