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I have a few thoughts on the renewal process attached.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Islands Trust renewal process March 3 2021.

I lived on Hornby Island from 2018-2019 and I have a few comments about the Islands Trust. I currently live in Courtenay. I worked in the government sector from 1990-1999 for the Greater Vancouver Regional District now Metro. I have lived in Vancouver most of my adult life. While I was on Hornby I rented 3 different properties and considered buying, but found the process was too confusing with so many rules and regulations and many properties required a lot of maintenance. There is lots of land on Hornby that is not used and could be used for appropriate housing.

The Island Trust is one of 6 governance entities for a small island. That's too 3 many. (Hornby Island Ratepayers and Residents Association, Comox Valley Regional District, Island Trust, provincial government, federal government and the Agricultural Land Reserve). **The Island trust should phase out of their governance role on Hornby and transfer duties to the CVRD.**

This overabundance of governing bodies has several consequences:

- Confusion about roles and responsibilities.
- Getting things done is slower and more complicated than it needs to be.
- More dollars are spent on governance than needs to be done.
- Duplication of roles and responsibilities between the Islands trust, the CVRD and the provincial government.
- The Islands Trust covers a complex and disparate group of islands who all demand attention making it hard to focus on Hornby.
- No one knows where their tax dollars go nor what they pay for.

Advantages of transfer of functions to the CVRD.

1. The CVRD is a large entity with more resources than the Islands Trust. They have infrastructure and staffing that are capable and experienced.
2. Confusion about roles and responsibilities would be limited to one organization.
3. It would be helpful to have HIRRA report to the CVRD, which would reduce the number of government entities to 4. Leaving the Agricultural Land reserve.
4. Only 3 required elected reps: CVRD, provincial government and federal government.
5. The CVRD is closer to Hornby than the Islands Trust.
6. Potentially reduce property taxes on Hornby
7. Improve transparency of revenue derived from Hornby Island.

This is not a prefect solution to the complexities of life on Hornby but it might make things more efficient and save money for taxpayers.

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