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Dear Members of Islands Trust Council,

I have been reading the Policy Statement section of the agenda for the upcoming meeting of Islands Trust Council. Thank you, Council Members and Staff for the tremendous amount of time and effort that has gone into this project.

I was a Trustee for a period of ten years and I found the section on reconciliation is a well written statement of the sentiments of numerous Trust Councils over the years and made me realize the extent of systemic racism in all areas of our society. Congratulations to the Islands Trust for including this in the Policy Statement.

I have also thought about the conundrum for Council as highlighted by the discussion on the “Object” of the Islands Trust. I feel that the original intent of the words “unique amenities” referred to the natural world: the sea, the land and forests, wildlife, wetlands and lakes. Also consideration of the low density of human habitation at the time the Islands Trust Act came into being.

Almost everywhere communities are struggling with the increased needs for affordable housing. There is no simple or easy approach to providing same and I do not have an answer to offer.

Humans do need, first and foremost, a sustainable, biodiverse environment and that is best captured by the original wording of the Object.

Thank you for your work on this matter and for providing opportunities for residents of the Trust Area to respond.

Sincerely,
Melinda Auerbach Lasqueti Island