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> The Trust Council should first and foremost concern itself with the preserve and protect provision of it's mandate. We live and function in an area that under slightly different circumstances would be considered parklands. There are examples all over the world where people live in parks or reserves, or "areas of outstanding beauty". Always there is some sort of body that designates and limits human activity within those areas. I see the Islands Trust Council as acting as a public trustee, establishing general policy for the entire Trust.

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> At the same time each island in the Trust has somewhat different needs, circumstances and community culture and local Trust committees should retain authority to recognize and deal with those individual issues while maintaining the goals of the Trust Council. The question of community need should be dealt with at the local level. At the same time it is highly inappropriate for Trust Council or Local Trust committees to have the powers or authorities of municipalities, a case in point is the tree cutting on private land. The Trust lacks the structural sophistication to deal with these sort of issues. With only two local trustees decisions are too vulnerable to small lobby groups or individuals or organizations with self interests to steer decision making. We are seeing that on Gabriola right now. There is a discussion of community need for housing versus the potential build out density, yet the group soliciting input has been completely silent on the question of the large parcel of land on the table for treaty settlement which would be subject to self government and likely outside the purview of the Islands Trust. The feedback they are receiving seems to amount to less than 1% of our population. If either Trustee sees that as legitimate public input we could end making fundamental changes to our OCP. Such changes deserve a much broader based open community discussion.

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> If an island community need to undertake municipal type decision making they should incorporate and elect a mayor and council.

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