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Subject: Islands Trust role

Dear Trustees.

On the subject of the remit and role of the Islands Trust:

In 1974, the Islands Trust had a defined remit;

'to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of residents of the trust area and of the province generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the Government of British Columbia'.

That responsibility to preserve and protect remains today.

The role of Trustee is to ensure that these islands are protected, not just for the residents, but for the thousands of visitors who come to our islands every year for recreation, wildlife viewing, tranquility and to take part in our artistic life.

Gabriola is a unique amenity for the residents of BC, of Canada, and of the world.
Promoting development is a dereliction of the duty of care that is invested in the Islands Trust.

Of course, in these Covid times, people are attracted to live here, and property prices will rise, but these times will soon pass.

Many have come here to live in the past, only to find that island life is not for them.
We have insufficient infrastructure and facilities for most people.
The reality of island life is not the idyllic thing imagined by people who come here as holidaymakers.

Gabriola will keep and nurture those that embrace its ways, and who respect its culture.
Those who find their home here are the ones who are able to accommodate the drawbacks of island living, and they give the island its community, its vibrancy and its unique character.

If the IT is to take community considerations into account, it needs to recognise that increasing the size of our community by building to increase density is **not** going to add anything to that.
In fact, it will destroy the fabric of our community by introducing those who will not tolerate island life and its accompanying restrictions, and who push for change for convenience.

Our growth needs to be slow, so that at each step, the impacts are considered and measured, with the emphasis on protecting and preserving what ALREADY EXISTS.

It is time that the Trustees fully consulted and listened to the community.
Nobody wants to see this island turned into a characterless, over-developed bedroom community of Nanaimo.

Finally, in the interests of transparency, I would like to request a FULL and COMPLETE declaration of all financial interests that Trustees have in promoting development on Gabriola.
It is important that residents know what is motivating each Trustee, and that we are made aware of any financial interests that could be influencing their voting on this matter.

Regards,
Helen Shilladay

Sent from my LG Mobile