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I am a second generation Islander (mother on Salt spring, myself on Gabriola, siblings on Salt Spring and Pender Islands). All of us have come and gone from the islands as our circumstances change: education, raising families, work opportunities, seeking better health care, these have all necessitated all of us, at times, leaving the islands. But we always want to come back, and when we come back, as Jane Siberry sang "It better be there"

As such, what I value about the Gulf Islands is NATURE. Not shopping convenience, not health care, not education opportunities, not good jobs, not cheap housing, not any kind of social engineering attempting to create some kind of impossible human utopia.

The purpose of the Islands Trust and the Trustees, in my strong opinion, is to preserve and protect the only thing that distinguishes the Gulf Islands from any other rural/urban land mass in BC: NATURE, the Environment: the sea, the forests, the meadows, the creatures, the indigenous first peoples. All protected as best you can, within the realities of our legal and economic system, from the destructive tendencies of modern humanity.

'TRUSTEE' means to keep in trust, to preserve, to protect. It doesn't mean to spend on things you think are a better idea. Let the Gulf Islanders work out, by choice or by circumstances, who lives here, who doesn't, what services are here, what aren't. All that's going to change, and is, in my opinion, not your problem. All that has nothing to do with keeping the islands 'in trust'. Just figure out how to preserve and protect the natural environment as creatively and effectively as possible.

I know this will not win you any friends. But please, please take this seriously, and just focus on doing what the Trust was created to do.

Sincerely,

Jane Parkinson  
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