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Re Draft Islands Trust Policy Statement

Dear Trustees,

I would have preferred the true consolidation of April 2003 to have been used. This is not the case.

All deletions from the original consolidation should be colour-coded so that the reader knows at a glance what has been deleted and what has been added.

The Trust has a duty to consult with the “Province generally” – was this done? How was it done? Property Electors might have had an opportunity to comment during the 2 Public consultation phases.

Their input is irrelevant once the Bylaw is drafted. I believe that Staff crafted this Draft using the input received. Good for them. They are right on the money in section 3.1 Regional Governance Policies.

They understand what amenities are and the correct priorities for the Trust. Unfortunately, the idiotic resolution at the March Council meeting: *“Trust Council affirmed its understanding that the “object” of the Trust include the concept of and protection of healthy and inclusive communities including housing and transportation”* is so removed from to the true Object of the Trust that it is no wonder that many islanders do not trust the Trust.

I understand that even if the Trust Policy Statement had all the right directive Policies, the right goals and the right advocacy policies, the implementation is not working. If it was working, we would not have several Islands in an unsustainable state right now. The Trust is playing Russian roulette with the well-being of the Islands, of their residents, summer residents, visitors and tourists alike. One does not go and buy a Cadillac without knowing how much money he/she has to spend to buy it. Most Islands have no up-to-date built-out mapping. How can a decision be made to create new densities without knowing the numbers of densities any given Island is committed-to.

The Draft has a policy on page 23 for evidence-based carrying capacity. I think it is a step forward towards the precautionary approach principle. This is a good policy.

This Draft is speaking about “affordable housing” yet everyone agreed on May 3, that it cannot be defined to fit all. Do not put it in the Policy Statement then. Just use the word ‘housing’.

I am used to a definition section. Whilst I understand what Staff tried to do, I still would prefer the inclusion of a definition section as well.

The real test will be to see how the new Islands Trust Policy Statement will be implemented. It cannot be ‘business as usual’. It too, needs to be a “a game changer”,

Thanking you for your consideration and your time,

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