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It has come to my attention that the Islands Trust is proposing the most significant rewrite of its guiding principles – the Trust Policy Statement – in the Trust's almost 50 year history. This unprecedented change is being pushed through on a fast-track during COVID shutdown without the ability of Island Residents to have meaningful input in to the development of the policy.

Our sustainable, resilient and unique island communities are in peril of being extinguished by administrators that have no concept of island life. Far-reaching changes and revisions that are being proposed that require meaningful input by Island Residents.

Mostly importantly, this proposed change is not a revision but a totally new mandate and priorities and the process to make these changes is both undemocratic and totally unacceptable. Those proposing these changes should be removed from their positions and a new more open and consultative process needs to be designed and implemented.

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