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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:53 PM
To: Islands2050
Subject: FW: THE "NEW" ISLANDS TRUST POLICY

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Subject: Re: THE "NEW" ISLANDS TRUST POLICY

Minister Osborne

I forgot to add my name to the letter below ...

I am incensed that the Islands Trust would try to JAM THROUGH a policy change without due process .This is an outrageous offense to democratic rights and an expansion of responsibilities unnecessarily for the Islands Trust.

My guess is this will ignite a flame that has been simmering for some time on BOWEN as to why a municipality with now fully independent municipal status has ANY CONNECTION to the ISLANDS TRUST still .

Thanks for putting methanol on the fire !

Regards

Ken Hallat

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Ken Hallat
Sent from my iPad

On Jul 3, 2021, at 8:03 AM, Ken Hallat [REDACTED] wrote:

Minister Osborne

I agree with Bruce and Doreen's Russels letter below 100%, and urge you not to give 1st reading to the new Islands Trust Policy on July 8th.

Democracy must be seen to be fair to its constituents and not allow 'railroading ' expanded policies which are already covered by the Federal and Provincial levels of government .

Bowen Islanders are already outraged over the cost of the Islands Trust overlaid on our municipality as though we were still unincorporated area.We voted for independence !

We certainly won't stand for any additional service costs to our Island since we clearly voted for self government many years ago .We inadequately negotiated with the Provincial Government when we became a municipality , the value of eliminating service costs [fire, roadways , water etc] for the Provincial Government and received no subsequent compensation , and hence will now fight VERY HARD to ensure we don't allow another mistake to further add to our costs or usurp our independent authority .
Sincerely

Barbara Hallat

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Subject: FW: THE "NEW" ISLANDS TRUST POLICY

Islands Trust trustees, having shared my email below with a number of like-minded friends on Bowen Island, all of whom are 100% in agreement with my sentiments, I urge you NOT TO GIVE 1ST READING to the New Islands Trust Policy. My email below to Minister Osborne speaks for itself and does not require any further comment.

Minister Osborne, as a long term [35year resident (full and part time) of Bowen Island I am deeply concerned for the calvary manner in which the Islands Trust ("IT") are proposing the implementation of the **NEW ISLANDS TRUST POLICY ("NITP")**. I am shocked and dismayed at the lack of adequate public notice and consultation opportunities.

Inadequate notice and input opportunity to the residents of IT membership communities, where membership is FORCED UPON THEM by provincial legislation, is not acceptable especially considering in the case of Bowen Island, the excessive \$300,000+ annual "membership fee"! Our residents, not to mention all IT member residents, are owed and deserve a proper opportunity for meaningful consultation and input. The rather secretive and poor notice approach by the IT executive is totally unacceptable and high-handed . The absence of "due process" is both surprising and very disappointing for an entity which prides and promotes its existence to "**preserving and protecting" its member communities and by deduction, the residents of those communities**. That double "P" objective/mandate should not be restricted just to environmental and development matters but also the tax paying members of those communities as to their democratic and "fair play" rights! Anything less serves only to further undermine the trust and respect for the IT in general. TRANSPARENCY PLEASE, NOT THE PROPOSED TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE!

I need not roll call the many concerns for the proposed expansion of the IT's mandate and existence, my concern for the PROCESS should be sufficient reason for the IT NOT to give the NITP 1st Reading at their July 8th meeting. THAT SAID, Reconciliation, Climate Change and Affordable Housing are all issues being addressed by both the federal and provincial governments. We hardly need such a pseudo junior level of government broadening their agenda to accommodate these and other issues with the inevitable subsequent need to hire yet more staff at the expense of us "burdened taxpayers". The IT's existing staff should have adequate capacity (time and existing staff) **to lobby the 2 senior levels of government** on a number of the issues included in the proposed NITP. THAT would be more cost effective and reasonable. The IT should be able to preserve and protect with all the tools they presently have in their tool belt.

I urge you in your capacity as the prevailing Minister to request the IT remove the 1st Reading from their July 8th agenda in order to respect and follow a more open and DEMOCRATIC process. Dictatorial governance is for 3rd world countries, not British Columbia and the Islands Trust. I thank you in advance to ensure reason and fairness prevails.

Bruce & Dorene Russell

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