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To: Trustees <Trustees@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Subject: BOWEN ISLAND AND THE "NEW ISLANDS TRUST POLICY STATEMENT."

Greetings from Bowen Island !!

I am writing to protest the rushing of the First Reading for the revision of the Islands Trust Policy Statement, on July 8th !!
My wife has been on Bowen Island since she was 16 years old, & I have been here for over 34 years, (we are now 77 years old), & we are greatly disappointed with Islands Trust (IT), & their blatant disregard for proper consultation by them with owners and residents in the Golf Islands, regarding the proposed changes.

We feel that they are like a ship without a rudder, are floundering & lost !

The IT seems to be run with a hidden agenda to ram through their new policy statement, without adequate public notice, &/or proper consultation opportunities!!!! Where is the due process people ???
The public interest should be forefront of the process, and the process should not be rushed. The IT should base their decisions on any policy changes on the findings of the impact studies, with the support of the Gulf Islands residents and owners, and made in the public interest.

I respectfully ask stopping the rushing to the 1st Reading, on July 8th, and that the Islands Trust undertake impact assessments, and engage in meaningful and effective public consultation with all affected residents and property owners, prior to making any changes.

As well, there is a review going on with the IT, re: it's operating practises, etc, & we believe the results of that review should be published & dealt with before going any further in building more of a bureaucratic monopoly, that actually should be down sized, not increased, due their poor performance especially in relation to Bowen Island !

We have been continually disappointed by the poor governance of our Islands by Islands Trust. Please review this issue and support a more responsible governance.

Yours truly,
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