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**Subject:** Re: Island Trust Policy Statement Review - Request for Postponement of First Reading

Thanks for the links to information, Deb, we agree that opinions should be made based on factual, objective and reliable sources of information. As we only purchased our place on Pender last September we are also trying to get an accurate understanding of the process to date. I do think that the COVID restrictions prevented the normal in person dialogue and debate that could have alleviated the ad hoc exchange of often times second, third, and forth-hand information and hear-say. Given that there seems to be a significant schism in perspective on the islands, accusations from all sides of misinformation being spread and now an opportunity to re-engage in more direct and in person communication, I do not see the urgent need to move directly to first reading. This is clearly an important juncture in the development of the Islands Trust Policy vision for 2050. We have just come out of 18 months of significant financial, psychological and emotional hardship for many so it is not surprising that Island residents may not have been sufficiently engaged in the process to date. So why not take a bit more time now that COVID restrictions are largely lifted to ensure anyone wanting to re-engage and get up to speed is able to? We know this is "just" the first reading, however, it is often hard to make more than cosmetic changes once a foundation document is put in place. We certainly respect and are grateful for all the work people have been doing on this process to date. We will follow up on the links you sent in the event that we have not accessed these sources to date.

Thanks again for reaching out.

Regards

Lawrence and Anne

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2021, at 12:49 PM, Deb Morrison <[dmorrison@islandtrust.bc.ca](mailto:dmorrison@islandtrust.bc.ca)> wrote:

Drs. Mayer and Wallis,

Please ensure you are not taking information from a secondary source and read the proposed amendments for yourself as well as the documentation of process.

Policy Statement Project: <https://islandtrust.bc.ca/about-us/policy-statement/>

Upcoming and Past Meetings: <https://islandtrust.bc.ca/event/trust-programs-committee-3/>

Also please ensure that you are up to date on the legal obligations and processes that all provincial agencies are legally, and ethically, required to abide by under DRIPA.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/indigenous-people/new-relationship/united-nations-declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples>

No one Indigenous person has the right to speak for all Indigenous peoples or First Nations. There are clear processes.

I'm happy to discuss details with folks but require that you go to primary sources and do some education first before claiming opposition. I'm sorry if this sounds harsh but these types of information are in the public space specifically so folks can seek knowledge about issues that concern each and every one of us and ensure we are all well informed to give specific feedback to our elected officials in a way that moves us forward. The status quo is a decision we make that has with it many issues of historic injustice; moving forward can be challenging and has implications for all. This is the work of elected officials as public servants - to reason about these things in measured and informed ways. Please try to offer productive ways forward to your local officials as you appear to have rich experiences to draw from and could offer wise guidance.

Thanks.

Dr. Deb Morrison