

July 7, 2021

Dear Trust Council,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Islands Trust Council proposed Bylaw No. 183 Islands Trust Policy Statement Bylaw, 2021.

Bowen Island is under increasing pressure on multiple fronts: we are concerned about the rapid pace of development, too much tourism, population growth and the resulting impact on fragile island ecosystems and our community. The policy statements reflect the importance of preserving ecosystems while respecting the need for a degree of local autonomy, as such, we strongly support these needed updates as per the proposed bylaw.

Environmental stewardship must be the highest priority when considering the Trust mandate and for decision-making for all islands, including Bowen, within the Islands Trust. We believe the policies proposed are critical to preserving and protecting our islands for generations to come – otherwise we will be “overrun” by short-term thinking for short-term profit.

Finally, we believe that the acknowledgment of the history of First Nations and their history, culture, and stewardship of the islands in the Trust area is a critical part of reconciliation and the language is very much welcomed.

Sincerely,

DG Blair  
Bruce Steele



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