

From: Stephen Bond- <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 1:09 AM
To: Laura Patrick
Cc: Peter Grove; Islands2050
Subject: Re: Islands Trust 2050

Thank you for your reply. A cut and paste from your article asking the trust to put this cluster aside is insufficient. You failed. The elected council has failed. Not slightly but massively. Perhaps the policy statement is good. I don't know. There is absolutely no trust in it now. I think you and the rest of council should resign.

You failed. You have failed me, you have failed my neighbors. I have no trust that you represent me.

Do the right thing and go.

Stephen Bond

> On Jul 6, 2021, at 10:18 PM, Laura Patrick <lpatrick@islandstrust.bc.ca> wrote:
> Thank you for sharing your concerns. Here is the statement that Peter and I made last week:
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> We are concerned about the level of tension that has arisen in this community regarding the upcoming July 8 Trust Council meeting. At that meeting, consideration will be given for a First Reading of a Bylaw that is introducing a draft of the Islands Trust Policy Statement, which is undergoing an update to address Reconciliation, climate change and affordable housing.
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> Islands Trust staff have done what trustees asked them to do with the limited resources allocated to them and in COVID times, to provide an update to the Policy Statement. Criticism of staff is unwarranted. We have heard from some members of the public loud and clear that they have deep concerns and do not feel they were appropriately consulted. As well, people want to understand the implications of the proposed changes and how a federation level policy statement gets translated to the local level in the official community plan and land use bylaws.
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> At this juncture, faith in the process is diminished and there is no way we can just put our heads down and forge ahead.
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> At the July 8 Trust Council meeting, to restore faith in the process and in the Islands Trust, your locally elected Salt Spring Trustees will propose that the current process be paused with the receipt of the draft while Trust Council reevaluates its public consultation plans. We believe an additional phase of consultation should be added to develop a draft Policy Statement that both honours Trust Council's Reconciliation Declaration and that can be supported by island residents.
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> This additional phase of consultation needs to be appropriately resourced to facilitate a deliberative dialogue at both the federation and local island level.
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> Laura
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Stephen Bond- [REDACTED]

> Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:38 PM

> To: Laura Patrick; Peter Grove

> Subject: Islands Trust 2050

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> Hello Trustees,

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> As a new member of the Salt Spring community for over a year with a partner that grew up on Pender Island, I wanted to let you know that I fully support Senator Pat Carney's letter recommending the complete withdraw of the policy statement.

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> I have lived in the great cities of the world both big and small. From Hell's Kitchen in Manhattan, several London Burroughs to small towns such as Henley on Thames or even lovely Oak Bay and I can honestly say I've never seen an municipal type government (recognizing the difference of the trust) that has managed to totally fail the engagement and public relations process.

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> In talking to my neighbors, reading the press, the trusts web site and some interesting Facebook posts (realizing there are some people with very interesting perspectives) the only view I have about the trust is total incompetence. I worked at a Partner level leading business transformations team for some of the largest global organizations and I know a total failure of process. It purely lies with the trust and your staff. You cannot deflect this. I hope whoever is in charge of your engagement process has moved on or is about to as they obviously don't have the skills or competence to undertake the process.

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> In the end you and your staff have created an issue where a resident like myself who had never written a politician or elected official has lost all confidence in your ability to perform your duties. Simply I don't trust you nor the Trust. You've created a trust less trust.

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> I also find it interesting that you would engage in this process during a pandemic. When what I believe is half the population of property owners and residents not present and potentially unaware this process is unfolding. At a time when people's minds are elsewhere the trust decides to create a major policy statement that impacts everyone's lives as it determines how we live our lives on this island. What I can do as a property owner is directly related to my zoning (rural) which is related to the policy statement as you are well aware. Again a very poorly timed activity. I believe not done by malice but gross incompetence on the trust's part.

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> I have read articles you have both posted on the Exchange and Driftwood and you seem reasonable people who have views aligned with mine on a broad basis. However I simply don't have faith or trust in the process taken by the staff. By allowing this farce to continue, my faith in both of you will be lost.

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> To regain my trust, my expectation would be to pull the policy statement fully and completely abandon the process. The trust needs to regain its moral authority which through gross incompetence in the process it has lost. Amend the existing statement as it is good enough. As we say in my business when faced with a complex challenge 'is the juice worth the squeeze?' I'd say no.

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> If you do decide to abandon the process then thank you and I do hope someone is held accountable for what will then be a massive waste of tax payer dollars. I believe the trust now has a daunting task ahead - gaining back the confidence of the residents.

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> Kind Regards

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- > Stephen Bond Leibovitz
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