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This message is written to request that the Islands Trust defer its current plans to carry out community reviews of the DRAFT POLICY STATEMENT.

This request is based on two factors:

1. the recent vote among trustees concerning a Governance Review resulted in 50% of the members opposing/supporting a Governance Review. You have a divided house which once can conclude is evidence of dysfunction and paralysis. This needs to be addressed by leadership.
2. Just two months later the report filed Great Northern Management, hired by the Trust, raises legitimate and detailed concerns about the timing of this exercise. That report identifies serious and basic failures in terms of interpretation of the role, purpose and functioning of the Trust and its scope of authority.

It seems reasonable and prudent to expect that Trust leadership would pause new activity, particularly as fundamental as the POLICY STATEMENT and instead focus its attention on governance practices and get the leadership and management deficiencies resolved before embarking upon a public engagement exercise when the basic purpose and scope of the Islands Trust is in dispute and sadly, the Trust itself is now in a state of disrepute.

Many sitting trustees have expressed their desire to have the governance report acted upon and to develop a plan to address the review recommendations prior to seeking change to the Policy Statement. I agree deferral of the planned review of the POLICY STATEMENT would be well received and accepted as a wise decision by the greater community.

Best wishes to you in these times when leadership skills are of such great importance and consequence.