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Subject: Against the Trust Policy Statement Revision

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Hello,

I am a resident of Saturna Island.

I am against the TPS revision because it overrides the hard work done in each community to create the Official Community Plans and Land Use Bylaws.

This is disrespectful of that work.

It is prescriptive without backup data and information.

The Trust Policy Statement could be a Vision statement - with goals and advice on how to go about them. Instead it is prescriptive and mostly devoid of scientific argument to support the "shall" directives.

It could instead be a helpful manual for the islands aimed at achieving the goal of "preserving and protecting" both the environment AND the community who live here.

If the Policy Statement was cast as mutual aspirations it would be easy to update and augment - and with widespread community support.

The Official Community Plans and Law Use Bylaws then as now, would become the implementation of that Vision. They could be overhauled and updated as needed.

The "State of The Islands" indicator report (produced in 2019) could become a regularly updated SCORECARD that draws attention to success and to things that need more attention. I believe that little is systematically measured on the islands. Furthermore positive change is never highlighted - for instance, the regrowth of the forest cover compared to clearcut logging eras that now lie in the past.

There are sporadic consultant's reports that are static rather than dynamic measures of change. In particular the development of the islands is not measured against the original community plans. There is no easily accessible information that dispassionately and accurately advises on the status. This fundamental set of data is needed to underpin any discussion about curtailing development in the islands - which seems to be the goal of the Trust Policy Statement Revision. In the absence of this information local and unusual instances of undesirable outcomes, are used to drive regulations that are by and large not needed.

The Strategic Plan could then address *specific* shortcomings with a local responsibility or possibility to achieve. The current strategic plan contains every popular banner of the moment instead of focussing on what specific LOCAL actions, within the mandate of the Trust, are needed.

Furthermore it would be helpful if areas of responsibility that are addressed by other levels of government are more widely advertised - as in the this link:
<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/mapping-resources/other-government-services/>

I think there are too many documents containing similar but not identical ideals about the Trust area. It would be helpful to take a hard look and to prune the collection of documents that define and attempt to gather support for the work of the Trust.

Thank you,
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