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**Subject:** No Support for the TPS Revision

We do not support the TPS Revision.

Why? More reasons than we can list here but let's start with the high cost to the taxpayer's of the gulf islands. Although both the Citizen Budget Survey and the Islands Trust (IT) Survey showed that people did NOT want a higher budget and in fact wanted the budget decreased, the budget was increased anyway, regardless of what the taxpayer wanted.

The IT does not listen to the people who are paying their salaries! The number of staff positions and budget per person exceeds other municipalities that are larger and have more responsibilities than the IT. The IT is a land planning department and yet it constantly and consistently over reaches into areas that are already covered by other departments of the Provincial Government. The IT has become an advocacy department of their own instead of focusing on their knitting and sticking only to land use planning.

The IT must stop reaching into other areas that are beyond their expertise and control. The IT have no business studying groundwater, declaring that they want to have the authority to command tree cutting permits, speak out against dock building, make comments concerning agriculture techniques, desalination and other areas that are competently taken care of at present by the government. Even the preserve and protect mantra that the IT has been given is overseen by other departments of the province.

Some examples of the short sightedness of the IT are that the tree cutting by-law does not take into account the dire situation of an island starting to burn. We saw with great clarity how fast Lytton burned last summer, but that town had the luxury of roads in and out of town. The island's rely on a ferry that may not show up at the crucial time and may not have room for everyone on board. This same short sightedness is shown concerning docks. In an emergency private docks will be crucial to collect people from neighbourhoods and yet the IT is not in favour of private docks. The island's used to be known throughout the world for their produce and lamb. But now the IT wants to interfere in farms instead of supporting these important food sources!

There is widespread non support for the document as proposed.

A Governance Review Report has just been completed. Instead of paying attention to what the Governance Report says and trying to fix what the Report says is wrong with the IT, the IT continues to plunge ahead.

The IT has not reviewed the overweight position of the four person Executive Committee that chairs all the LTC's and approves the IT budget.

We read the referral responses and saw that many referrals did not support the proposed TPSR.....one of the only referrals that gave a positive response was Vancouver! Is this what

the IT wants? To be aligned with Vancouver? This shows a disconnect with the rural communities that the IT purports to serve.

It is of great concern to us that the Precautionary Principle is being used and that the IT is placing environmental concerns above human policies. The IT is putting the environment above sustainable communities. There is no support from the IT for the island's economy, cultural or social realities.

We need support for our gulf island communities. We need sustainable and resilient communities and yet, Groundwater DPA's are being used to restrict or stop housing by the IT. There are long term residents in the gulf islands who are living in their cars or living in sheds on properties. This is not sustainable or resilient. There is a branch of the province that looks after groundwater. Let them do it. The IT should not be involving themselves in groundwater.

The IT continually over reaches into other departments. The IT's TPS Revision will lead to more prescriptive bylaws and continue and increase the harsh Enforcement tactics used for the current by-laws. We do not need any more prescriptive policies.

Sincerely,

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