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Subject: Draft Bylaw 183 - Trust Policy Statement Review

Islands Trust Council

As a property owners on the Pender's for over 40 years we are requesting that the Islands Trust halt the continuance with the Current Trust Policy Statement (TPS) Review or more specifically advancing Draft Bylaw 183

The current version of the revised draft dated July 15, 2021 has only cosmetic changes when compared to the earlier version, which was overwhelming rejected by Trustees for First Reading, therefore this draft must be abandoned entirely.

Given the significant public involvement and far-reaching effects that this draft TPS would inflict on the residents and taxpayers of the Gulf Islands it is clear that the Trust Policy Committee must acknowledge the rebuke of the Draft and both they and the Trust Council must abandon any further advancement of Draft Bylaw 183.

For this Trust Council to anoint itself to determine the future policy requirements for the next 30 years and to promote itself as such, under the portent of "Islands 2050 Policy Statement" is beyond overreaching!

Further to suggest that the Trust becomes the guardian of initiatives such as "Reconciliation, Climate Change, Affordable Housing, Forest Stewardship, Docks and Seawalls and Agriculture" is nothing less than misguided as these portfolios are clearly within the jurisdiction of the Provincial and/or the Federal Government. Advocacy for these portfolios should be the focus of the Trust. To manage anyone one of the portfolios mentioned above would require a significant increase in resources and staff, which of course the Taxpayers would be required to fund.

Interesting enough a review of the *Islands 2050/ISL mail drop* makes no mention of the current Policy Statement and how it could be improved upon within the mandate of the Trust which is Land Use. As noted in the mail drop the current TPS "hasn't been meaningfully updated since 1994" which is a clear indication that the current TPS has withstood the test of time! No doubt there are changes and updates that are required for the current TPS, however a total rewrite giving the Trust greatly expanded and more centralized powers such as what is included in Draft Bylaw 183 is simply wrong and beyond your mandate.

For the Trust to attempt in essence a total rewrite of the Trust Policy Statement in light of the findings of the ISLANDS TRUST GOVERNANCE REVIEW February 2022, which clearly identifies serious functional and operational problems within the Trust, would be an abrogation of your responsibilities and duties to your constituents.

You must now allow a new Council to decide the merits of a total rewrite of the current TPS. Further the new Council must also ensure that the redraft is not driven by staff or special interest groups.

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