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From: Susan de Stein ██████████████████████
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 8:35 AM
To: Trustees <Trustees@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Cc: Southern Gulf Islands Coalition <concernedssiresidents@gmail.com>
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Dear Trustees,

I've been a supporter of the Islands Trust for as long as I have owned property here (2001), arguing against those supporting municipal government and continually expressing fervent support for the Trust's mandate and its principles of preserve and protect.

As a Realtor for 12 years on Salt Spring Island (now retired), I extolled the virtues of the Islands Trust and its efforts to implement its land use mandate and conservation ideals.

But this - a planner-driven effort, which, among other things, lacks meaningful input from Islanders - is an absolute travesty.

The drafters of the policy appear to be drinking some flavour of Kool-aid, espousing ideas that do not come from experience or knowledge, but from a lack of understanding of life on the islands and on some world vision that has little to do with reality.

I was absolutely shocked to read parts of the Management and Governance review report - and do not believe it can be ignored, or a policy implemented that has next-to-zero public support for an organization that is clearly dysfunctional.

As a long-time student of organization management and governance, with an MBA that focussed a great deal on public policy — I believe we need not only table this policy draft, but start over. Admit mistakes were made and don't dig your trench any deeper. That step alone would create enormous support for the Trust.

Those calling for you to start this process over are not Trust-haters. We are not chronic complainers or unlimited development supporters. We love our island life and also want to preserve and protect it.

Have you finally heard enough to stop this ill-conceived process?

Surely yes.

Susan de Stein, MBA

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