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I appreciate the necessity to renew the IT Policy Statement. My observation so far is that it appears to be a work up to appeal to the Province for more authority, the previous request being turned down - left up to you to look for a mandate from residents - while at the same time looking for appeasement with the 30 or so indigenous governing bodies who seem to be moving toward actually making true the statements everyone has been acknowledging in all their emails and meetings - 'we acknowledge that we are in the unceded territory...'. A rock and a hard place for sure! Hugely expensive also including some payments along the way. I have read that the indigenous governing bodies intent is to be the stewards of all the surrounding territory. No issue for me. Lets just play nice everyone. Lots of things mentioned in the Policy Statement most of which lacking in authority. All the best in your endeavours!

Sincerely ~ Judith Graham Gabriola Island