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Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 2:05 PM
To: Jason Youmans <jyoumans@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Policy changes to Islands Trust Mandate

Hello Jason,

I have read on a google search how the population of the Islands Trust Area is some thirty thousand. You are pleased with some hundreds of pieces of correspondence. Just how did those writers make contact with the Islands Trust? Did the Trust send out flyers to all thirty thousand residents and seek replies? Just like the Trust sent out the 2050 flyer?

That flyer represents a serious effort to create a dialogue in our communities on this issue. Such a flyer should have been out in our community from the very start of this process. Web pages and folders are not consultations or invitations to participate before the fact. That might explain the few letters to council you quote. Who knew about it?

Officially no one "knew" until this flyer on "2050" was sent out. This is not the road to consensus. I would invite you to come to Galiano Island and ask a random passerby if they were aware of the 2050 project and how their input would come about before it was drafted. Any?

This meeting on the 14th is to "engage" as an exercise. It will signify a "fait accompli". If it were not the case, the Trust would be announcing a timeline for a referendum on the statement drafted by council. On such an important change in Trust management it is odd that council has not seen fit to seek consensus in a meaningful way. No approval from Islands Trust residents is being sought.

Please add this email to your correspondence folder. How many residents will read it? Any guesses? Sorry, but this process is too flawed. Trust council needs to re-evaluate its strategy of faux consultation. Abandon "2050" and start again, with consensus in mind.

Regards
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