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Islands Trust 2050 Policy Feedback  
Honorable David Eby , Premier of BC  
Honorable Christine Boyle , Minister of Municipal Affairs North Pender Island Trustees ; Aron Campbell ,  
Deb Morrison Exec committee Vice Chair , David Maude

I am writing as an 18 year resident and home owner on North Pender Island and have followed with interest the refreshing of the Trust Area Policy Statement 2050 .

I commend the efforts of all involved to consult and achieve the most effective plan .

I do have some concerns about the current first draft ....

The stated Object of the policy is to “ conserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities for residents and BC generally..... in consultation with residents and stakeholders

The first draft puts a disproportionate emphasis on Indigenous concerns and reconciliation .... If the objective is to foster acceptance , understanding and support for Indigenous concerns , I would suggest the draft is counterproductive ....

To me , the statement reads as much as a road map and plan for Truth and reconciliation.....as opposed to A policy to achieve the over riding object of conserve and protect ....

I am concerned with

1.3 ) Trust interest in recognizing Indigenous rights and co-governance.....

1.3 Trust will be informed by UNDRIP in its decision making .....

2.2.3 Guidance from “ missing and murdered indigenous Females call for justice

2.3.3 Shared decision making with Indigenous governing bodies

2.3.6 Respecting “ confidentiality “ interests of Indigenous parties ( is the best and most trustworthy governance not transparent )

3.2.8 Support opportunities for Indigenous cultural monitors to be present for land disturbing activities etc

Glossary of Terms

Definition of Colonialism is inflammatory and self serving , not wrong but poorly expressed and not in full context

I have cited these few examples to support my concern over the disproportionate emphasis of Indigenous concerns on the strategy

The Provincial govt is currently trying to sort concerns with DRIPA and UNDRIP as relates to land titles . The proposed policy changes should be considered in relation to this .

The Provincial govt is currently committed to affordable housing for all citizens Items such as monitors , co- governance seem to be in direct conflict ... this policy is adding layers of regulation and cost ....

The Trust struggles to manage its budget every year and keep expenses in check .

The emphasis on Indigenous concerns with surely require more expense and personnel At a time when the Trust executive has asked the MINISTER OF MUNICIPALITIES to help review the policy and reaffirm the policy SCOPE the new draft is proposing adding to the scope rather than focussing on the Preserve and protect mandate ...

I would encourage the MINISTRY to clearly recognize existing agencies / departments within govt to deal with things such as Truth and reconciliation and not let them inordinately creep in to areas like Trust policy ..... its inefficient , costly and counter to efforts of Provincial Govt to manage budgets , streamline regulations and improve affordability for ALL BC citizens

I am not adverse to addressing Indigenous concerns and believe there is work to be done , I am concerned that disproportionate emphasis in the plan and redundancy of responsibilities is a problem .

In closing I would offer that any research or polls I have read about concerns of BC citizens place Health Care , Housing , , cost of living , climate and now land titles at the top of the list .

Truth and Reconciliation while being an area many support is not a high priority other than it has been embraced by the Federal and Provincial Govt through UNDRIP and DRIPA

I hope my comments will be of some use in coming up with an appropriate , effective , and focused Policy Statement .

I have tried to be objective and would like to recognize the efforts of all involved with getting the basic elements within the policy regarding serve and protect effective and workable for ALL STAKEHOLDERS .

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