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to Trust Program Committee May 14th, 2021 re: Trust Policy Statement  
from Carmita de Menyhart, [REDACTED]

I believe that you should not rush the process of rewriting the Trust Policy Statement. The island communities shall have the time to review the proposed changes. Please give us, the residents of the Gulf islands information and more time to consider the proposal for a new Trust Policy Statement.

From what I was able to read I will comment about the following:

With respect to water in the rewriting it was eliminated

4.4.2

- neither the density nor intensity of land use is increased in areas which are known to have a problem with the quality or quantity of the supply of freshwater,

This paragraph has been the only one that property owners without the need of an expert could present their **water problems** to the Planning Department or the LTC in the case of a rezoning for a development. An owner knows when his/her well is dry or an owner whose property is under a Water Community System can present a diagram showing how extremely low is the source of water of their system.

The new paragraph:

- that neither the density nor intensity of land use is increased in groundwater regions where the quality or quantity of the supply of freshwater is likely to be inadequate or unsustainable

The terms of inadequate or unsustainable are vague and they will mean different things to different people, you will need an expert to define them for specific cases. Property owners will be lost, nobody will listen to them.

I support paragraph 3.1.2

3.1.2 Trust Council commits to place priority on preserving and protecting the integrity of the environment and Indigenous cultural heritage in all decision-making. (Guiding Principle #2)"

The protection and preservation of the Gulf Islands environment is the fundamental notion that can protect the Islands in the uncertain climate change future. What is certain is that the pressures to develop the island as much as possible will continue.

Thank you,

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