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Dear Trustees:

In my ten years as an islands Trustee (2008 to 2018) I became increasingly concerned with the lack of consideration given to Official community Plans and Land Use bylaws in staff reports on development applications.

It used to be common practice for staff reports to address the provisions in these documents when considering such applications.

In my last term I saw an application proceed through the Local Trust Committee, Executive Committee and the Ministry with one of the Directive Policies left blank. No rationale was provided for this omission. The Directives Policy Checklist does not provide an option for leaving a directive Policy Blank. It is to be marked with a check mark, Not Applicable or "X" if it is not compliant. No rationale was provided.

Official Community Plans flow from the Trust Policy Statement and are therefore the instrument by which the Trust Mandate is achieved. Where the "rubber hits the road" so to speak.

It is important that the Trust Policy Statement and all policies and procedures ( eg The Trust Policy Manual) be obliged to conform with the Trust Policy Statement and that trustees and all staff members be obliged to follow the direction provided therein.

I have heard similar complaints from other former trustees in this regard and it made them, like me and many Advisory Planning Committee members ,disillusioned with the process to the point that they could no longer participate.

In your consideration of the Trust Policy Statement I hope that you will establish clear lines between the Trust Policy Statement and action at the Local Trust Committee level.

Thank you for stepping up at this very critical time in the evolution of Islands Trust.

The fact that a governance review is taking place simultaneously with the TPS review affords you an excellent opportunity to ensure that the Trust works as efficiently as possible to achieve its mandate.

Thank you for your service to the preservation and protection of the Islands Trust Area. You are doing very important and exciting work and I am very happy to see how seriously you are taking your responsibilities.

Yours Sincerely

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