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To: Cameron Thorn; Steve Wright
Cc: Laura Patrick
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Good Morning Cam and Steve:

Know that you and Steve are just 2 lonely trustees but must admit in my 47 years of being a property owner I am highly concerned and offended that trust appears to be acting in an extremely aggressive change of trust guiding principles. Our current principles have met the test of time.

If the various information is correct about the proposed trust actions it will not in my view serve the purpose of island trust for the future and for the benefit of all British Columbians.

The profound effect of Covid should not be utilized to push such fundamental sweeping changes without the benefit of the public truly understanding the sweeping changes apparently being promoted. If you have to push such sweeping changes through during these times it seems to be an act of weakness and one that suggests you don't want the public to have ample understanding and true input.

The proposed revisions include: (my comments to this in red)

- Centralization to more regionally-based land use planning, a reduction in Local Trust Committee autonomy, and elimination of the uniqueness of each island. – **The local autonomy of the trusts in my view has protected and served each island well. Our challenges while similar do not require a one size fits all approach – the thoughtful differences that South Pender Island has utilized has preserved community harmony and a wonderful protected island should not be lost – it is a precious aspect of the current approach– I hope you will reject the loss of each island uniqueness**
- Removal of residents, local economy and community health and well-being as planning considerations on the Islands.
If this is true this is SHOCKING ! and an abuse of power. How can you not respect the community health and well-being as planning considerations is beyond any understanding on my part .
- Removal of agriculture and forestry as traditional and valuable activities on the Islands.

The agriculture aspect of the island has always been a charming and essential component of the environment that protects our precious islands.

- Prohibition of all private docks, seawalls and other hard shoreline activity.

