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**Subject:** Islands Trust Policy Statement Draft Bylaw No. 183

To: Island's Trust Council and Executive:

Re: Island's Trust Policy Statement Draft Bylaw

The Islands Trust Council has scheduled a special meeting to consider a first reading of the Islands Trust Policy Statement Draft Bylaw No. 183 on July 8, 2021. This Draft represents a significant overhaul of the existing policy.

This Draft is concerning to me as a Saturna Island Property Holder for a number of reasons. I am writing today to ask that this first reading be appropriately deferred pending full engagement with islanders by their local trustees.

Public Consultation with invested and affected parties has been inadequate. Consultation, such as it was, took place during a pandemic when many people were unable to participate. The results of a Public Engagement process (Sept. 2019 – January 2020) were first published in July of 2020 when a document entitled “What We Heard” was put up on the IT website. Despite public criticisms of question formats and the poor demographic representation, the data from this program of activities are presented as evidence that due public consultation took place. Depending on how total relevant population is calculated, this ‘widespread public engagement’ was limited to between 4-6% of island residents to whom Islands Trust is accountable. The most recent public engagement was through an anonymous survey - entirely online – in February 2021. Islanders were isolated due to the pandemic and the community meetings and social

gatherings used by many to stay informed, were cancelled. Additionally, there is little information available about the context and results of consultations with First Nations representatives.

Changes to the document are substantial and require time to review. This document first came to public attention in mid June. For minor updates and amendments this might not necessarily be a late arrival, but for such significant changes to the Islands Trust Policy only a very small window of time has been allowed for needed review before the first reading. The Policy Statement Draft is not a minor revision: it represents a totally new mandate and priorities. It is no longer an evolution of a previous document. We believe that there are significant changes which need a great deal of time to consider. The language in this new draft on first glance appears vague and open to many different interpretations, rather than specific and concrete principles that can be used to guide future policy. The public is being asked to critically review a 100-page plus information package before the first reading on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Proceeding with a first reading will make it very difficult to raise questions or effect changes thereafter.

I believe it is crucial that Islands Trustees engage with their constituents before a First Reading, and both of Saturna Island’s Trustees are of this opinion. I ask you to consider our request to defer this first reading of the Policy Statement Draft until IT Trustees agree that fair engagement has taken place. I urge you to request that the Islands Trust engage with the residents and property owners of the Trust area prior to pushing this to First Reading, respecting the early and full public consultation we have come to expect as normal process. Only by this measure will we protect the public interest of the constituents of our islands.

Sincerely,

Moray B. Keith

