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Subject: IT's vision does not jibe with the residents they represent

Dear Trust Council,

The IT does have a vision, a long range plan based on that vision.

We saw it in the draft policy statement.

That is the tragedy of the IT.

Many people have wanted to continue to support the IT but have been thwarted by the IT's own draft policy statement..

The 1994 draft policy's ideology is a wonderful vision of and for the gulf islands, written after a few years of many town hall meetings with face to face members of the community and even "loud voices" on every island before things settled down and the people in the communities had reached consensus for each of their islands.

Unfortunately, somewhere along the way, the IT has lost touch with their island residents.

They have thrown away the opportunity to be the voice for the gulf islands because they stopped listening and started imposing.

This is the tragedy of the gulf islands and what we now are facing: a bureaucratic institution that wants to replicate itself over and over on all the island communities, making them homogeneous.

No longer content to listen and represent the communities from which it draws it's salaries for a bloated staff.

It seems that the IT wants only to impose its own vision of Oak Bay onto the rural communities that the gulf islands are - even the gulf islands that have more people: missed in the translation is that even these islands are still rural in nature.

This is something that, unfortunately, is not understood by the IT.

Sincerely,
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