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The session will begin shortly.

Welcome!

IslandsTrust
Islands 2050

Policy Statement
Amendment Project

Live Q+A Session

March 1, 2022 | 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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Territorial Acknowledgement

The Islands Trust Area is located within the treaty lands and territories of the BOKÉĆEN, Cowichan Tribes, K'ómoks, Lək^wəηən, Lyackson, MÁLEXEŁ, Qualicum, scə́wəθən məsteyəx^w, Scia'new, səłilwətaʔł, SEMYOME, shísháłh, Skwxwú7mesh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Spune'luxutth, STÁUTW, Stz'uminus, łaʔəmen, toq qaymıx^w, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, WJOŁEŁP, WSIKEM, Xeláłtxw, Xwémalhkwwu/ʔop qaymıx^w, and x^wməθk^wəy'əm.

Agenda

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement	6:00
Panelist and Webinar Team Introduction	6:15
Project Presentation	6:15 - 6:45
Questions and Answer Period	6:45 - 8:20
Closing and Next Steps	8:20 - 8:30

Panelists and Speakers

Hereditary Chief Bill Williams

Welcome

Peter Luckham

Islands Trust Council Chair and
Thetis Island Local Trustee

David Marlor

Local Planning Services Director

Deb Morrison

Trust Programs Committee Chair and
North Pender Island Local Trustee

Dilani Hippola

Senior Policy Advisor



ISL Q&A Session Team

Kirsty Neill

On-screen host

Andrea Delannoy

Webinar administrator

Jen Esler

Ashlene Harvey

Courtney Laurence

Question moderators

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How to submit questions tonight



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About Islands Trust

“The object of the Trust is to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, First Nations, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia.”

– Islands Trust Act



What is the Islands Trust Policy Statement?

The Policy Statement is a general statement of policies of Trust Council to carry out the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect.

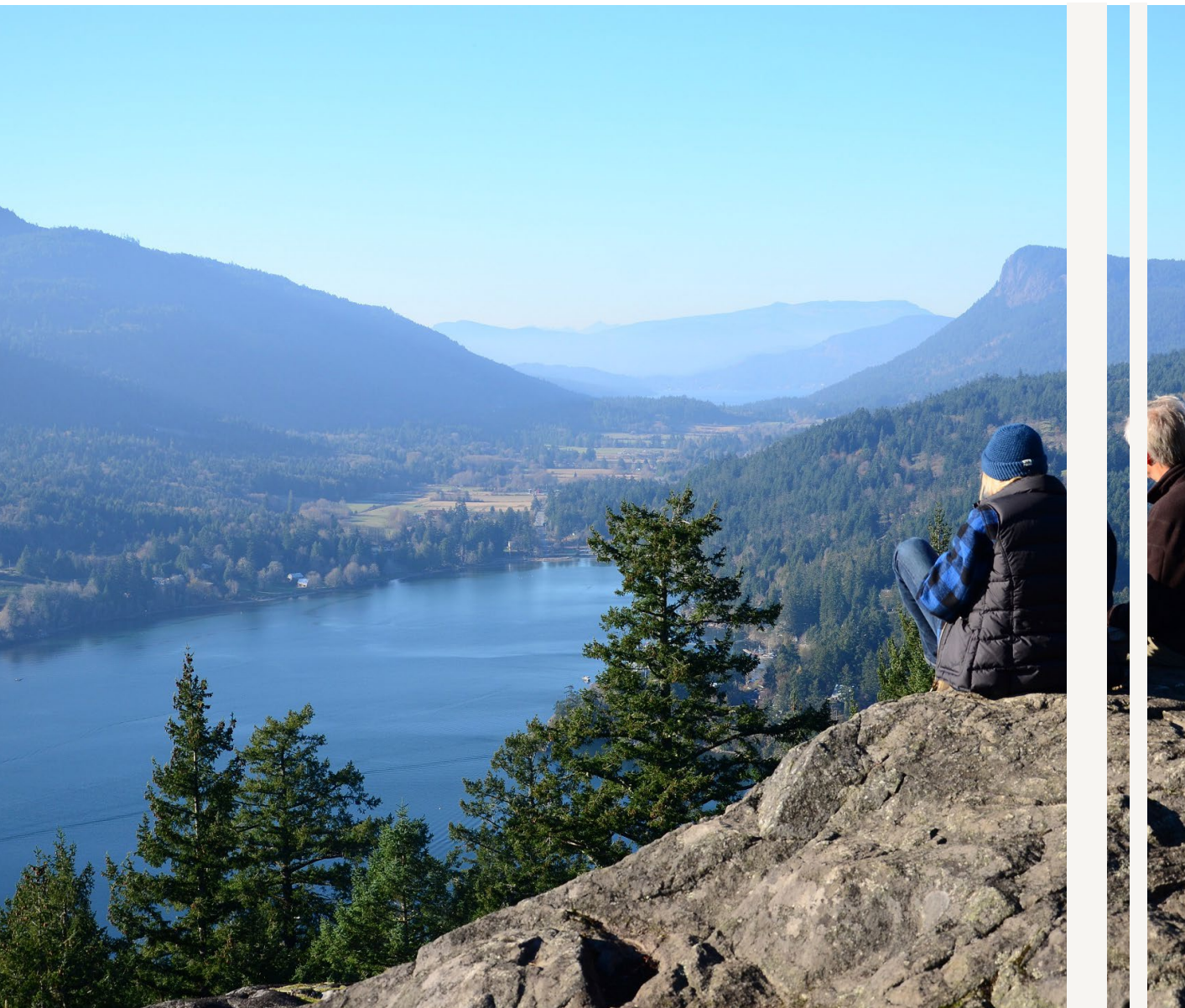


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Islands Trust Area



Regional District



Why are we updating the Policy Statement?

- » The document has not been updated in over 25 years
- » Trust Council's commitments to reconciliation, climate change, and affordable housing, as outlined in:
 - » Islands Trust Strategic Plan (2018-2022)
 - » Trust Council's Reconciliation Declaration (2019)
 - » Trust Council's Climate Emergency Declaration (2019)

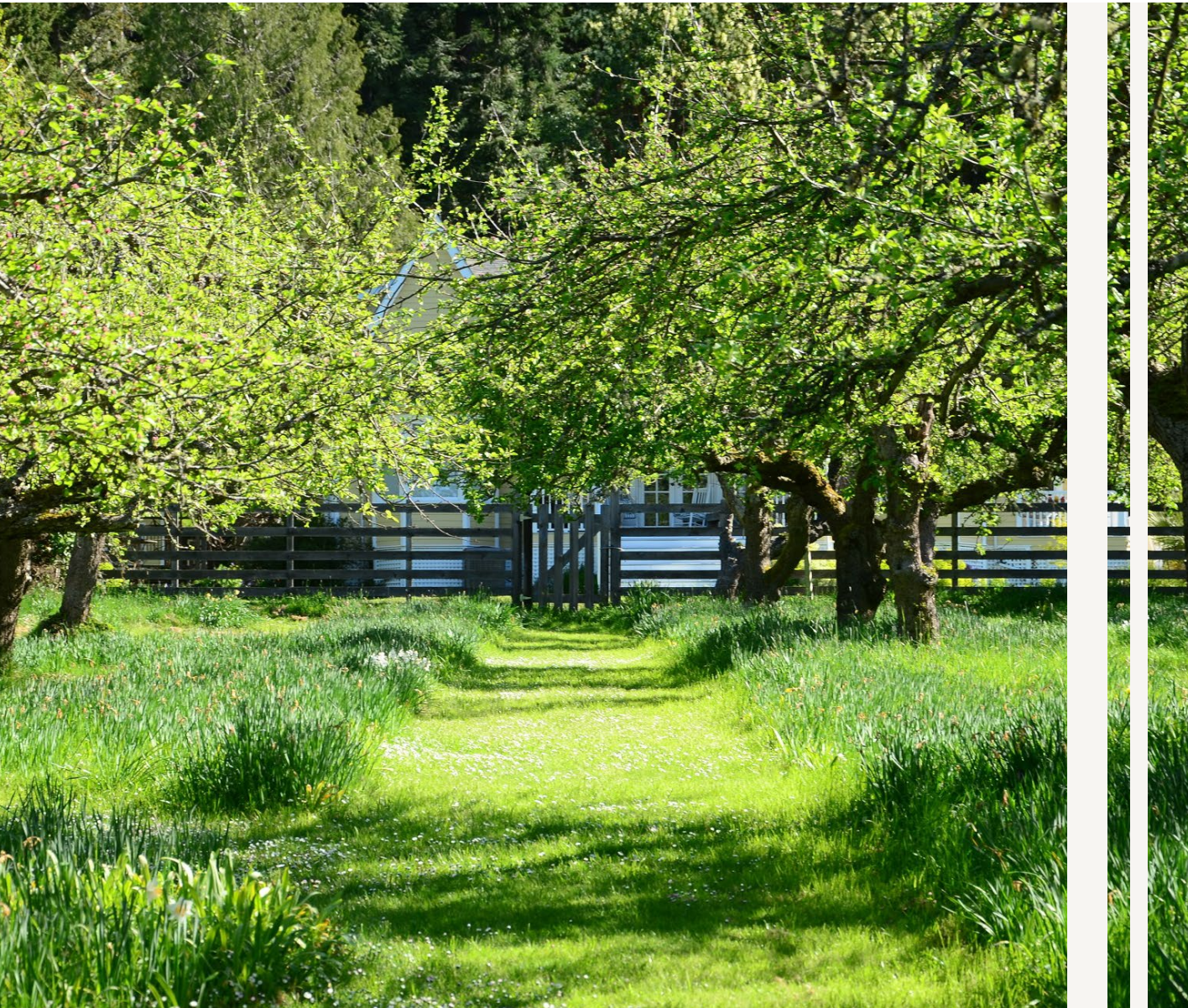
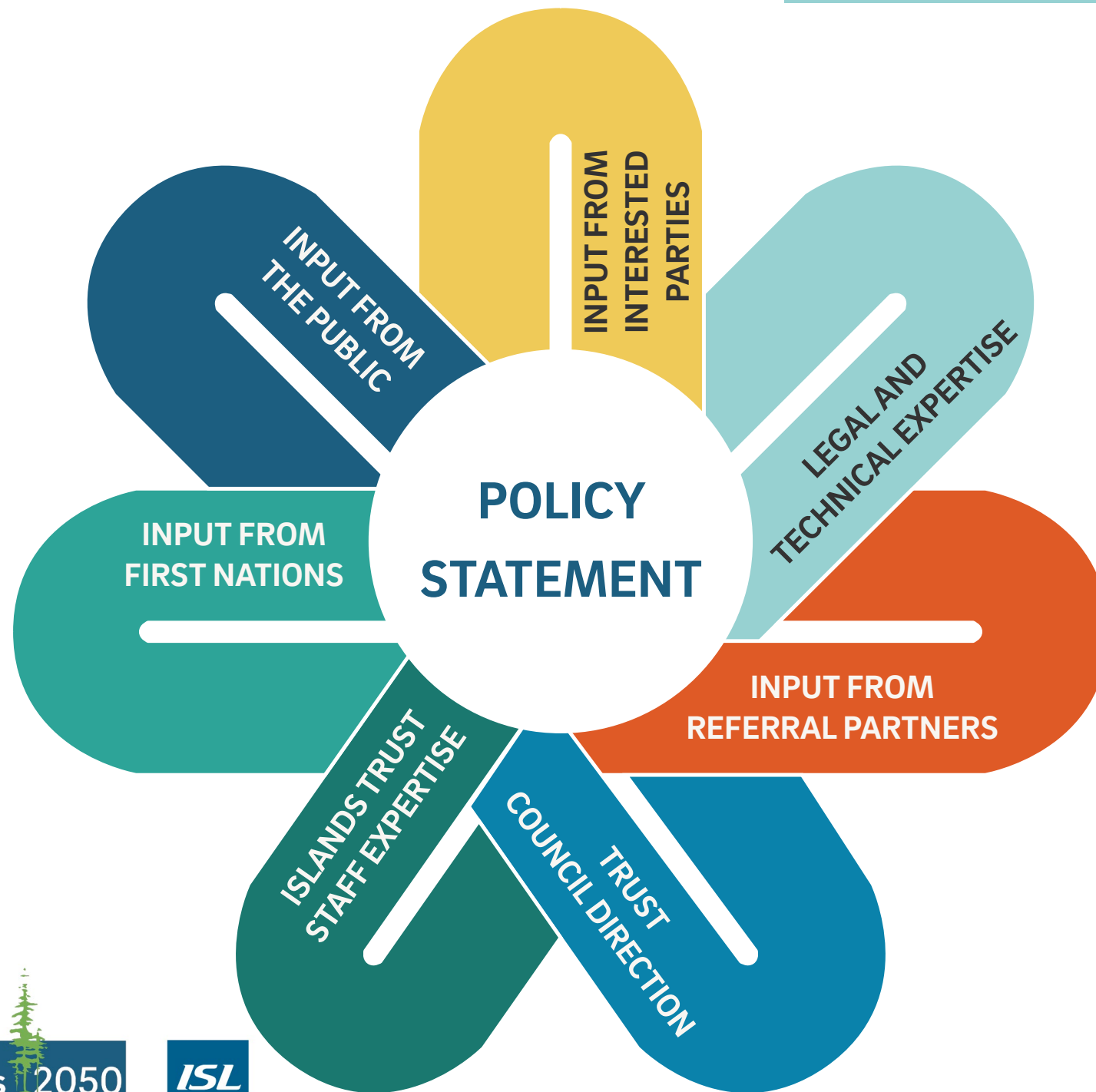


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Who is updating the Policy Statement?



Trust Council

- Is leading the amendment process
- Is supported by Trust Council's committees and staff
- Must consider and balance many inputs

What is Being Updated in the Policy Statement?

- General update of Introductory and Definition Sections
- Addition of reconciliation, climate change, and housing policies throughout the document
- Draft new sections on regional governance, heritage protection, and housing



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What Kinds of Policies are included in the Policy Statement?

The Draft New Policy Statement contains policies under the broad categories of:

- Regional Governance
- Ecosystem Preservation and Protection
- Heritage Preservation and Protection
- Sustainable and Resilient Communities

There are three different types of policies under these categories:

- Commitments of Trust Council
- Directive Policies
- Coordination Policies

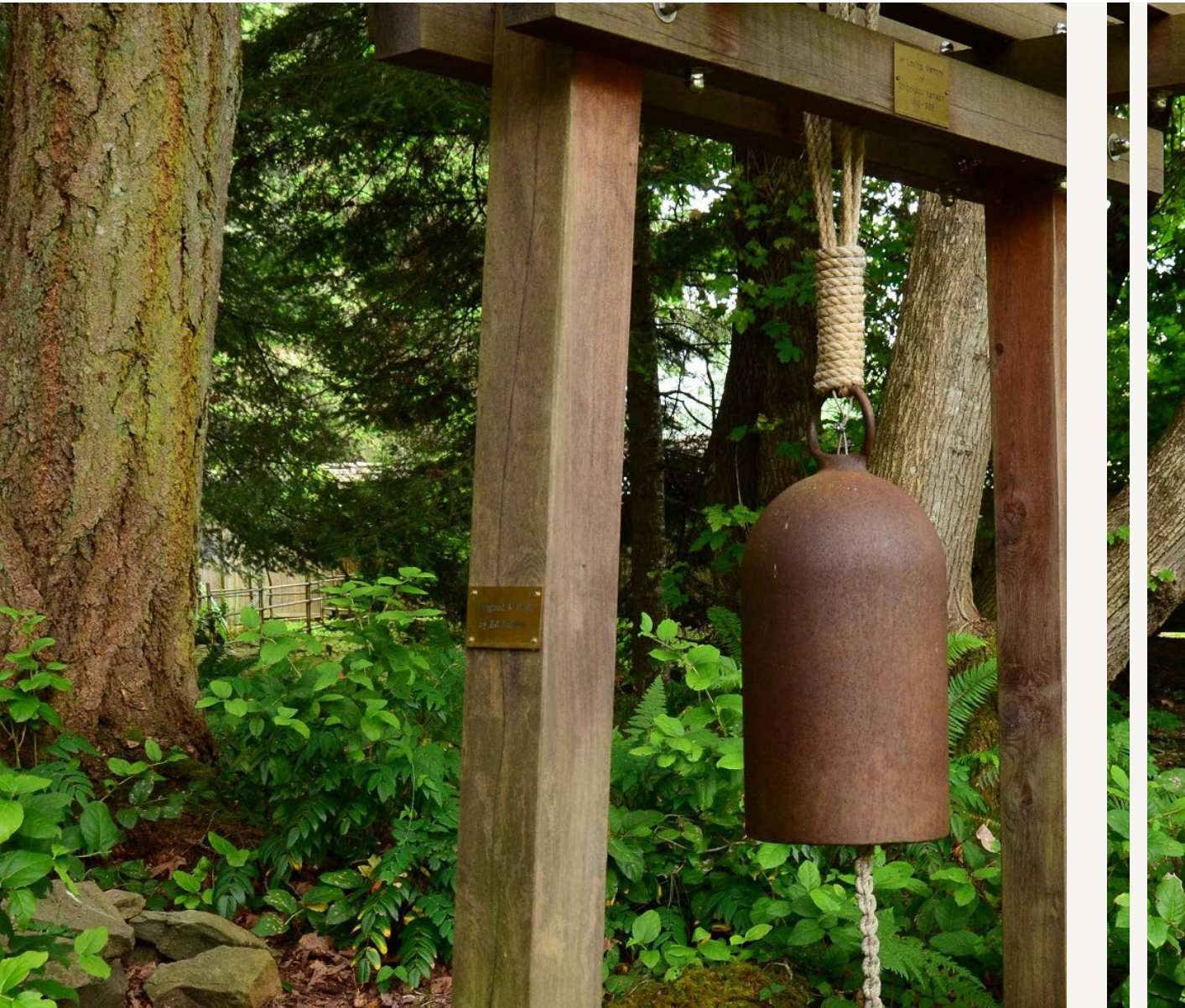


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Draft Amendment Highlights



Proposed Draft Amendments: Draft New Reconciliation Policies

Highlights from Reconciliation Section:

- Trust Council, Local Trust Committees, and Island Municipalities to seek meaningful engagement with First Nations and guided by reconciliation principles
- Preserve and protect Indigenous cultural heritage, harvesting sites, and culturally significant species
- Enhanced protection of the coastal and marine environment
- Advocate for safe, secure, and affordable housing for Indigenous Peoples
- Work together with First Nations, Indigenous Knowledge Holders, other agencies, and Trust Area communities



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Proposed Draft Amendments: Regional Governance Policies

Guiding principles and approaches key to achieving Trust Council's preserve and protect mandate.

Highlights from Regional Governance Section:

- Place priority on preserving and protecting the environment and Indigenous cultural heritage in all decision-making
- Decision-making guided by best available:
 - » Science
 - » Local knowledge
 - » Indigenous ways of knowing
- Decision-making guided by Precautionary Principle



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Proposed Draft Amendments: Ecosystem Preservation and Protection



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The Ecosystem Preservation and Protection section includes draft proposed amendments in the areas of:

- Environmental Integrity
- Freshwater Stewardship
- Forest Stewardship
- Agricultural, Soil, and Mineral Stewardship
- Coastal and Marine Stewardship

Proposed Draft Amendments: Ecosystem Preservation and Protection Policies

Highlights from Environmental Integrity:

Climate change commitments to:

- Conduct climate vulnerability assessments
- Use adaptive management approaches
- Use nature-based solutions



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Proposed Draft Amendments: Ecosystem Preservation and Protection Policies

Highlights from Freshwater Stewardship:

- Strengthened language to protect freshwater sustainability
- Encourages rainwater harvesting as supplemental water supply

Highlights from Forest Stewardship:

- No significant changes to directive policies
- Draft changes to commitments and coordination policies to:
 - » Seek authority for Islands Trust to regulate tree-cutting
 - » Advocate for Provincial legislation to prohibit clear-cutting and logging of old growth



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Proposed Draft Amendment Highlights: Ecosystem Preservation and Protection Policies

Highlights from Agricultural Stewardship:

- Refinement of language to directive policies
- Language updates better support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls for Action
- Preference for harvesting practices that:
 - » Are small-scale, sustainable, regenerative
 - » Maintain environmental integrity and Indigenous harvesting areas



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Proposed Draft Amendments: Ecosystem Preservation and Protection Policies

Highlights from Coastal and Marine Stewardship:

Draft directive policy amendments prohibit:

- New desalination plants
- New private docks (except boat access only)
- New seawalls or other hard shoreline armoring

Draft directive policy amendments encourage:

- Water conservation technologies
- Community and shared docks
- Soft shoreline protections



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Proposed Draft Amendments: Sustainable and Resilient Communities Policies

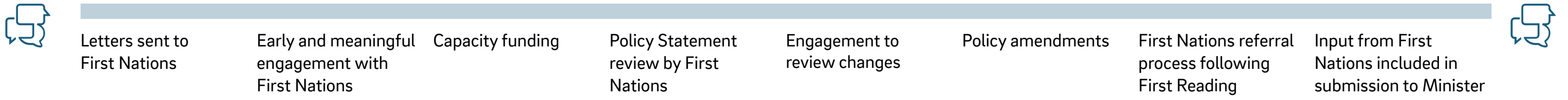
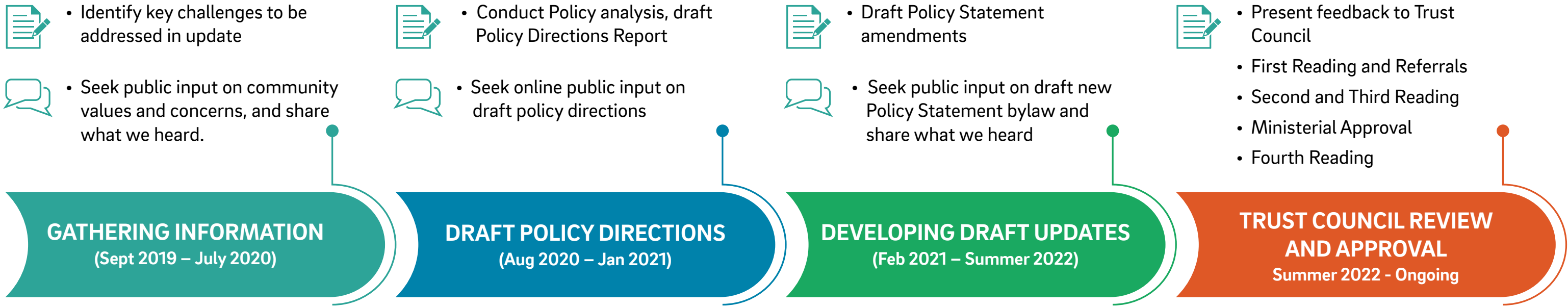
Highlights from Housing:

- Draft policies to foster diverse, low-impact, well-located affordable housing
- Draft policies for development that safeguards:
 - » Protected area networks
 - » Freshwater sustainability and a healthy marine environment
 - » Indigenous cultural heritage
- Assess impact of short-term rentals on affordable housing, regulate where necessary
- Establish floor area and lot coverage limits for residential development in each local area



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Project Timeline



Phase 3 Public Engagement

1 Objectives

- Facilitate meaningful engagement
- Reflect community voices
- Build trust
- Increase understanding

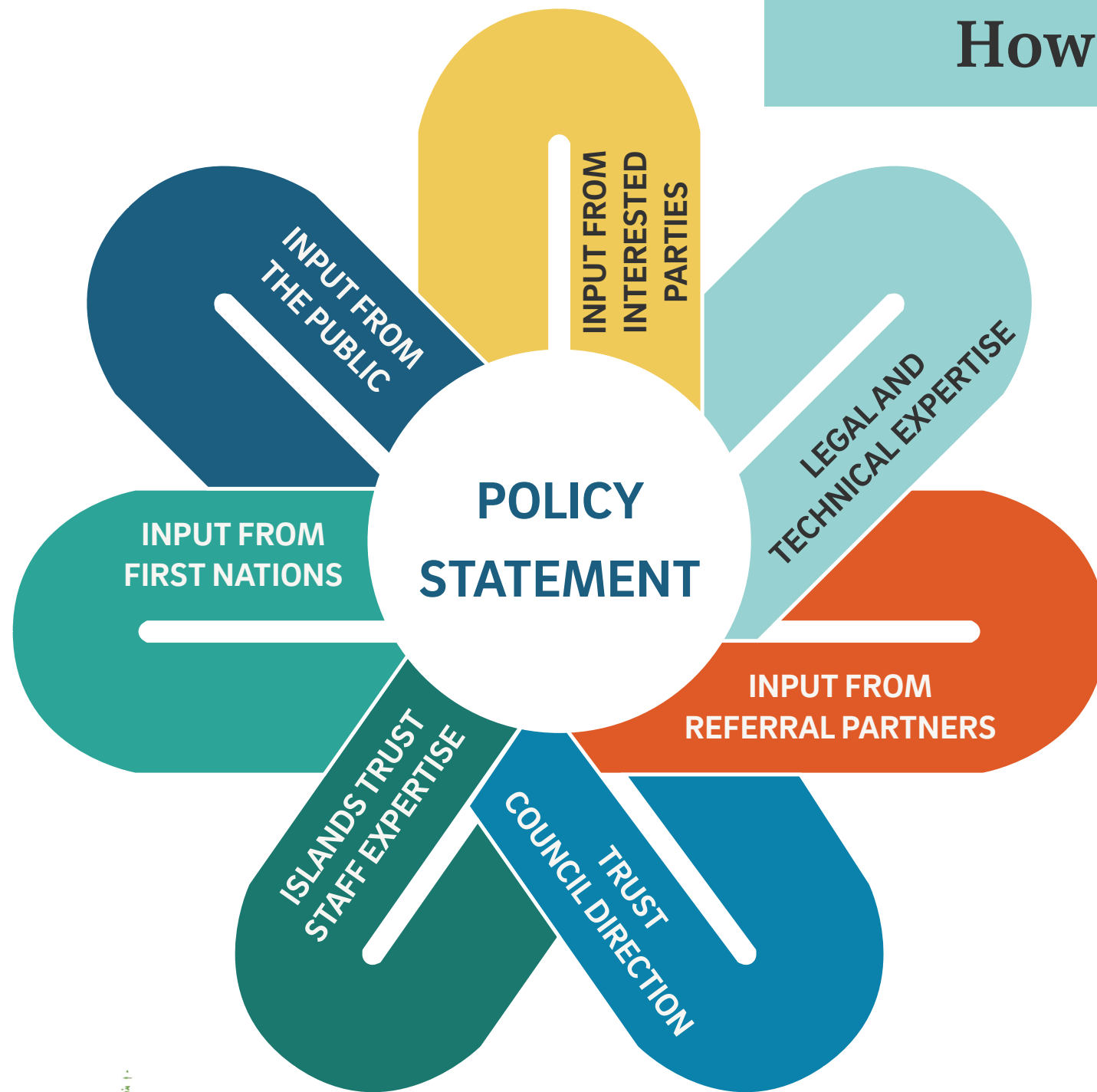
2 Commitments to participants

- Provide balanced and objective information
- Keep the public up to date
- Input will be used by Trust Council

3 Ways to provide input

- Tonight's Live Q+A Session
- Virtual Community Workshop
- In-person Community Events and Pop-ups
- Online Survey and Community Discussion Guide
- Focus Groups (invite-only)

How Will Your Input be Used and Shared?



Input will be used to:

- Inform recommendations to Trust Council on further amendments to the Draft New Policy Statement

Sharing What We Heard

- Engagement Summary Report for Phase 3 prepared by ISL

Question and Answer



Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

March to April 2022

- Virtual Community Workshop, held over two evenings **March 15 and 22, 2022 (6:00 - 8:30 pm)**
- Online Survey **February 25 - April 17, 2022**
- Community Discussion Guides
- In-Person* Community Events
- In-Person* Community Pop-Ups

* bookings being confirmed





Thank you!

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