

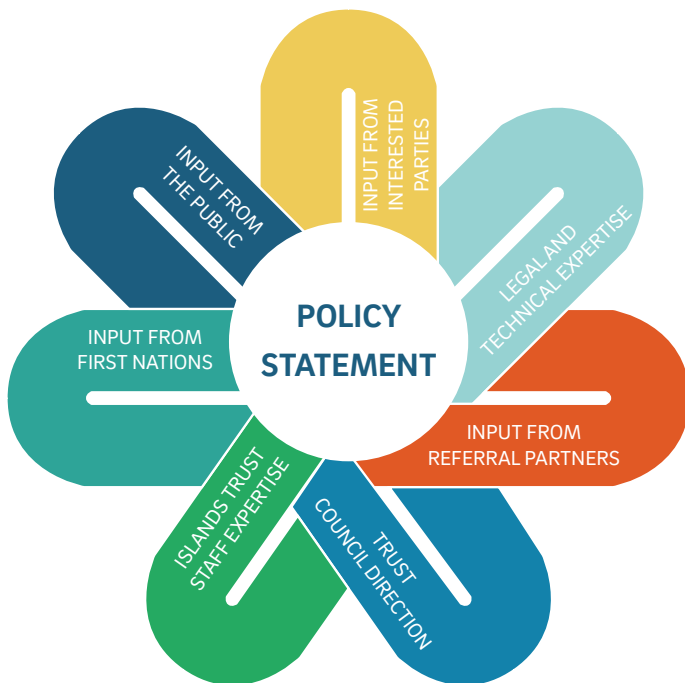


ISLANDS 2050 - FACT SHEET

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS FOR THE POLICY STATEMENT AMENDMENT PROJECT

The purpose of conducting public engagement as part of the Policy Statement Amendment Project is to gather community input on key Policy Statement topics and ensure community voices and priorities are heard.

Public input is one of many streams of input informing the Policy Statement Amendment Project. In crafting the draft amendments, Islands Trust is considering and carefully balancing inputs from the public, interested and affected parties, First Nations and Indigenous community members, referral agencies, Trust Council and its committees, and staff expertise.



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[ISLANDS 2050 WEBPAGE](#)

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[PHASE 1 - WHAT WE HEARD REPORT](#)

[PHASE 2 - ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS](#)

[JULY 2021 - FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT REPORT](#)

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Phase 1 Public Engagement:

In Phase 1 of public engagement (Fall 2019), we hosted 24 events across the Trust Area, including open house evenings, group discussions, information booths and collection of feedback in key community locations, information displays and feedback opportunities on ferries, and an online comment and discussion forum. Approximately 1600 people provided feedback through Phase 1 engagement opportunities.

We gathered public input on community values, concerns related to climate change, and opportunities to preserve and protect the Trust Area.

Phase 2 Public Engagement:

In Phase 2 of public engagement (Jan-Mar 2021), we released the Policy Directions Report and Online Survey, and held a Virtual Open House event. Approximately 400 people provided feedback through the online survey and approximately 108 people attended the virtual Open House. We gathered input on draft policy directions related to climate change and affordable housing.

Phase 3 Public Engagement

Trust Council's committees reviewed and refined a preliminary round of draft amendments in May-June 2021, and presented a Draft New Policy Statement to Trust Council for consideration of first reading in July 2021. Following expressions of public concern, first reading was paused, and Trust Council called for an expanded third phase of public engagement. Following a public procurement process, ISL Land and Engineering Services was contracted in late November 2021 to implement the Phase 3 Public Engagement Plan.

In Phase 3 of public engagement, we will be seeking public input on the draft Policy Statement amendments through multiple engagement activities, including:

- Information session with speakers and live Q&A
- An online survey
- A community discussion guide with self-guided materials, including the questions from the online survey
- Focus groups representing a variety of community voices
- A multi-day virtual workshop for interested and affected parties across the Trust Area
- Community events and pop-ups in each local trust area (subject to COVID protocols)
- A final engagement report detailing the outcomes of the engagement and explaining how public input will inform further amendments to the Draft New Policy Statement.

How we used your input

The public input from Phase 1 was summarized in a What We Heard Report. This feedback, along with other inputs, was used to develop draft policy directions to guide Policy Statement amendments, and presented for public feedback in Phase 2.

Public feedback from Phase 2, in addition to other streams of input, was used to inform the development of Policy Statement draft amendments in Spring 2021.

We look forward to a meaningful third phase of Islands 2050 public engagement over the next few months, and to moving forward collectively on this important work of preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area.