



Policy Statement Amendment Project

2022 Trust Council Resolutions and how they were addressed in April 2024 draft of the Policy Statement

Part 1 – Structural Revisions:

	<u>Trust Council Resolution</u>	<u>Notes on how Resolutions were addressed</u>
1	<i>Reformat the draft Trust Policy Statement to simplify the structure and shorten the length to improve readability and understanding, for example, separate the mandatory directive policies from the remainder of the text.</i>	Completed. The structure was simplified and directive policies separated. The document is shorter than typical regional growth strategies which range in length from 65 – 150 pages in regional districts across the Trust Area.
2	<i>Develop a Glossary of Terms used in the Trust Policy Statement to be an appendix to that document.</i>	Completed. See draft glossary at end of revised draft.
3	<i>Remove detailed coordination policies from each subsection and instead develop more general coordination principles in accordance with the object of the Trust.</i>	Completed. See draft section 2.2
4	<i>Remove detailed “commitments of Trust Council” from each subsection and instead develop more general guiding principles in accordance with the object of the Trust.</i>	Completed. See draft section 2.1 and 2.3
5	<i>Add a new category of “recommendation policies” that local trust committees and island municipalities should address in addition to the existing category of “directive policies” (must include in local official community plans and regulatory bylaws).</i>	Not Completed or Recommended. A new category of recommendation policies was not deemed necessary after completing the rewrite. Instead the phrasing “shall strive to” was used in certain policies. See explanation of two types of policies in draft section 1.4.
6	<i>Draft a companion handbook to foster better understanding for Trustees and across the Trust that includes greater detail on the rationale for policies and how local trust committees and island municipalities are expected to implement each policy.</i>	In-Progress. This work is underway. Preliminary work has begun on how the organization can implement a new Policy Statement. The companion handbook could include both implementation information and greater detail on policies. Although preliminary work has begun, the companion handbook would be primarily drafted after Trust Council has given approval-in-principle to a draft document to ensure the effective use of resources. The draft companion handbook would be

		provided to Trust Council prior to its consideration of first reading of Policy Statement bylaw.
7	<i>Separate out introductory/history sections from the official bylaw and place them in the companion handbook.</i>	Completed. Introduction/History sections were removed. Underway. Preliminary companion handbook drafting is underway, but will be more be more fully developed once Trust Council have provided approval in principle.
8	<i>Explore updating and integrating Trust Council’s Policy Statement Amendment Policy 1.2.1 and Policy Statement Implementation Policy 1.3.1 into the draft Policy Statement bylaw.</i>	Completed. See Part 4 This recommendation was explored by staff. It was determined it was not possible to include Trust Council policies 1.2.1 and 1.3.1 in their entirety without significantly adding to the length and complexity of the Policy Statement. Instead, key implementation and amendment guidelines suitable for a general audience were added in Part 4. It is recommended that Trust Council update and maintain the separate, more detailed Trust Council policies 1.2.1 and 1.3.1 at a later date rather than including all procedural details within the Policy Statement.

Part 2 – Revisions to Existing Content:

9	<i>Remove the draft directive policy to prohibit new desalination plants.</i>	Completed.
10	<i>Change the term “Indigenous ways of knowing” to “<u>Indigenous Knowledge</u>”.</i>	Completed.
11	<i>Reword “seven generations” language to better reflect relationships to past, present, and future generations.</i>	Completed.
12	<i>Refine the draft directive policy and recommendation policies prohibiting new private docks to highlight areas of concern, for example prohibiting or limiting new private docks in areas that have been identified as culturally significant for First Nations, identified for community use, or in locations that provide critical habitat for species at risk, and/or requiring cumulative effects assessments prior to approval of applications.</i>	Completed. See draft policy 3.5.21. Also note draft policies 3.2.1-3.2.4.
13	<i>Refine the draft agricultural policies and recommendation policies to highlight the value of sustainable agriculture in the Trust Area, while also suggesting preferred approaches that are aligned with the</i>	Completed. See draft policies 3.5.9 – 3.5.13. Mostly reverted to original directive policies from Policy Statement Bylaw 17 as other “new ideas” have been captured elsewhere. This draft section has been reviewed by Ministry of Agriculture/Agricultural Land Commission

	<i>object of the Trust, and First Nations’ rights and interests.</i>	staff to ensure each policy is implementable and advisable in the context of the Trust Object and our roles with respect to agriculture.
14	<i>Refine the draft directive policy and recommendation policies prohibiting new seawalls or hard shoreline armoring to instead direct local trust committees and island municipalities to consider guidelines as found in Green Shores or other soft shoreline approaches to set requirements for shoreline preservation.</i>	Completed. See draft policy 3.5.18.
15	<i>Remove the draft commitment/ coordination policies and recommendation policies advocating for authority to regulate tree cutting, acknowledging that Trust Council may continue to advocate for this irrespective of the topic’s inclusion in the Policy Statement.</i>	Completed.
16	<i>Explore the inclusion of general guiding principles, recommendation policies, and/or directive policies that aim to ground all decision-making in the ‘Precautionary Principle’, with a clear definition of this term in the Glossary and related implementation guidelines in the companion handbook.</i>	Completed. See draft principle 2.1.5 (Guiding Principle). Definition of the ‘Precautionary Principle’ is included in the Glossary. In-Progress. Staff intend to include that implementation guidelines in the companion handbook.
Part 3 – Development of Additional Content:		
17	<i>Provide options for draft policy language for the draft Policy Statement to encourage preservation of forest cover in the Trust Area, this will include reference to sustainable forest management practices.</i>	Completed. See draft policies 3.5.6-3.5.8 .
18	<i>Reaffirm Trust Council’s Reconciliation Declaration of March 2019 and its inherent commitment to be responsive to First Nations engagement on the Trust Policy Statement as dictated by the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.</i>	Completed. See draft principles 2.1.1, 2.1.2, the draft Reconciliation Principles in 2.3 , and draft directive policy 3.1.1 that gives greater priority and profile to Reconciliation.
19	<i>Provide more explanatory context on First Nations rights and responsibilities, and implications of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, with corresponding “recommendation policies”</i>	Completed. See draft principles 2.1.1, 2.2.2 , the draft Trust Council Reconciliation Principles in 2.3, and draft directive policy 3.1.1 that gives greater priority and profile to reconciliation.

	<i>to guide First Nations engagement and reconciliation work.</i>	In-Process. Greater context can be given in the “companion handbook”. Work on the handbook is underway.
20	<i>Add greater detail on First Nations’ co-governance interests and the need for collaborative frameworks to work together at all stages of policy development and implementation, and in all decision-making.</i>	Completed. See draft section 1.3, draft principles and policies in 2.1, the draft Trust Council Reconciliation Principles in 2.3 , and draft directive policy 3.1.1, and in particular draft principle 2.2.2. In-Progress. Greater context can be given in the “companion handbook”. Work on the handbook is underway.
21	<i>Strengthen policy language around First Nations’ constitutional rights to access culturally significant areas and healthy ecosystems for their cultural, spiritual, and economic uses.</i>	Completed. See draft section 1.3 which specifically addresses this resolution, as well as draft new principles 2.1.1, 2.2.2, and draft Reconciliation Principles in 2.3.
22	<i>Strengthen policy language around preservation and protection of the coastal and marine environment to support First Nations’ food security in Indigenous marine harvesting areas.</i>	Completed. See draft policies 3.2.1, 3.2.2, and 3,2,3, as well as draft policy 3.4.18.
23	<i>Strengthen policy language around engaging with First Nations and cultural monitors to better protect known and unknown cultural heritage sites, through clearly defined collaborative frameworks.</i>	Completed. See draft section 3.1.1 which specifically addresses this resolution. In addition, draft policies under Part 3, Objective 2 .

Part 4 – Coordination with Referral Agency Partners:

24	<i>Work with Bowen Island Municipality staff and Islands Trust Conservancy staff to integrate their specific amendment requests.</i>	Completed. Amendment requests have been integrated. Staff have met with BIM and ITC staff.
25	<i>Work with Ministry of Agriculture & Food, and Agricultural Land Commission staff to refine the wording of the draft agricultural policies.</i>	Completed. Wording of the draft agricultural policies has been refined. Staff have worked with Ministry of Agriculture & Food and the Agricultural Land Commission staff.
26	<i>Address regional district staff recommendations for revisions to policies relating to active recreation, active transportation, trails, and climate emergency preparedness, as appropriate.</i>	Completed. As appropriate, amendment requests have been integrated into new structure/content. See draft policies within Part 3, Objective 4.

27	<i>Address improvement district recommendations around water management, including rainwater harvesting, septic filtering, and water conservation, as appropriate.</i>	Completed. As appropriate, amendment requests have been integrated to new structure/content, including draft new septic policy 3.4.18.
28	<i>Postpone the deferred referrals to local trust committees until the next draft of the document has been received by the incoming Trust Council and its committees.</i>	Completed.

Part 5 – Engagement, Reviews, and Next Steps:

29	<i>Continue to build staff-to-staff relationships with First Nations who provided input to the Policy Statement Amendment Project in Phases 1 and 2 of early and meaningful engagement, and provide additional capacity funding to support continued First Nations engagement on this project.</i>	<p>Completed: Additional capacity building funding was provided to 11 First Nations. These Nations have provided comment on the current draft of the Policy Statement, or will provide comment.</p> <p>In-Progress. Building staff to staff relationships with First Nations is an ongoing process.</p>
30	<i>Coordinate the provision of expert advice and training to the incoming Trust Council, early in the new term, on the theme of public engagement and consultation, building on lessons learned from the first three phases of Islands 2050 public engagement from 2019 – 2022.</i>	Not Completed. Senior staff will recommend this take place separate from the Policy Statement Amendment Project deliverables – as a training session for Trust Council at a later date.
31	<i>Prepare a new Policy Statement Amendment Project Charter for the consideration of the incoming Executive Committee and Trust Council in early 2023.</i>	Completed.
32	<i>Prepare a Policy Statement Amendment Project Communications Strategy for the consideration of the incoming Executive Committee and Trust Council in early 2023.</i>	<p>Completed. Communications Strategy was provided to Executive Committee and Trust Council in early 2023.</p> <p>In-Progress. Implementation of the Communications Strategy is underway. It is designed to be adaptable to respond to the project and to community need.</p>