

On May 20, 2026, at 9:15 PM, Marc Winckers [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Tobi and Susan,

I have been reviewing the draft OCP and have a few questions as follows:

1. As I reviewed Part 3, goals and principles. There seems to be a distinct lack of measurable objectives. Rather they seem to be more "aspirational;" how will you ever know if they have been achieved? Perhaps there are other documents which dive into the specific measurable or quantifiable objectives. If so, the OCP should reference where the measurable / quantifiable metrics are outlined.
2. The First Nations section in Part 3 does not describe how they will fit into the governance structure of the Islands trust. Can you please elaborate on this? I see mention of collaborative governance, but don't know what the implications of this are. Please define exactly what authorities are being delegated, shared, or recognized. How will this work from a legal standpoint?
3. Further to my second point, how will First Nations be compensated for their involvement? Will this further increase our taxes as a result, or will there be trade-off in terms reduced IT staff or trustees?

To be clear, I'm not against reconciliation efforts, I just want to know exactly how the First Nations will be involved and how much it is going to further increase our taxes. As residents and tax-payers, we have to know the specifics before endorsing this Draft Policy Statement.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Marc Winckers.

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**Subject:** Re: Questions related to the draft OCP.

Hi Marc,

That's great, thanks for sending in your questions!

Appreciate hearing where your thinking is at. It's great that you are raising how we will connect goals to measurable objectives and to policies. I know planners love realistic goals and measurable objectives!

While we don't likely have answers for those questions for this meeting, these considerations are great to be raised throughout the early engagement period until First reading. Through this time, the community is invited to ask more questions, seek clarification on any elements so we can get to a draft that is good enough for first reading.

The LTC is just receiving the draft and giving some initial comments at the meeting today. The Community engagement meeting tonight is the chance for the public to ask their questions. I hope you can come! Please note the meeting tonight will not be livestreamed or recorded - it's an in person meeting just for community, so I hope you bring your questions there.

As for legal review about any implications for governance, there is a process for legal review of the document, but we are not there yet. That's scheduled for July-Sept 2026. It's conducted through Islands Trust's lawyers, who are some of the top lawyers in municipal and administrative law. They will ensure that all proposed bylaws are in accordance for current statutes and regulations, the Local Government Act, the Community Charter, and the Islands Trust Act.

We will pass these questions on to the planners, which will give them some idea of the clarity you are looking for. Maybe they can answer some of those questions this evening!

Stay tuned and thanks for engaging early on.

Tobi