

On Jun 2, 2026, at 8:28 PM, Susan Yates <syates@islandstrust.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Gavin (and Ewout),

Please send your concerns and comments to the address we provide at every opportunity, re the Draft OCP and public comments: northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca Trustees and Staff take all correspondence seriously.

Please be aware also that Trustee Elliott, Trustee Patrick, and I, with the help of Staff, are working on ways to garner ongoing input on the Draft OCP from Gabriola citizens. We know that our constituents would like to have more opportunities for group discussions.

It is expensive to conduct formal sessions with staff and Trustees at times when the public can attend. It is also really difficult to schedule such meetings at this time - I have a full calendar of meetings and other projects for the summer and I'm sure my fellow LTC members' calendars are more booked than mine is.

We encourage people to get together as neighbourhoods or citizen action groups and talk among themselves, and decide how best to submit helpful comments and questions.

I ask you to have faith in the people who represent you; they work really hard and are doing the best they can to arrive at a good Official Community Plan for the island we care so deeply for. There will be flaws, and it is up to us to work cooperatively to fix them.

My job is supported by Staff who I depend on every single day for accurate, timely, helpful information and advice, and I deeply respect every one of them. In all of my 55 years of working with various organizations, companies, and agencies, I have never worked with staff I appreciate as much as the Planners and Directors at the Islands Trust.

Regards,

Susan

On Jun 2, 2026, at 4:37 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Tobi, Susan, Ewout

I am wholeheartedly supporting Ewout with his letter to the Islands Trust. I think that as a taxpayers and stakeholders we are entitled to receive feedback from staff and elected representatives in a timely transparent manner.

Thus far the OCP project has been demonstrably lacking in engagement with this community. To date not much more than 10 percent of the community has been involved.

I have had to ask for publication of important documents regarding the OCP so that the public can read them.

These shortcomings should be rectified at the staff level.

The Islands Trust needs to be reminded that the tax dollars being spent on an over indulgent number of employees is not theirs, it belongs to the hardworking constituents of the Trust area.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Coford