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To: Laura Patrick
Subject: Housing is a top priority

Laura Patrick,

I support calls for the Local Trust Committee to give the Housing Working Group top priority!

At the last LTC meeting, staff said they can only take on this new project if another project is dropped from the top-priority list. Please drop Bylaw 471 from the top priority list to make room for the Housing Working Group.

Bylaw 471 should not be passed anyway -- not unless or until the Housing Working Group project generates its own recommendation to pass such a bylaw and with whatever revisions to ByLaw 471 are needed.

To put housing affordability on the back burner is to support a future for our island which includes further income inequity, reduction in school enrollment, real estate speculation and money laundering, to name just a few of the socio-economic problems rooted in exposing a basic right (safe affordable housing) to the ravages of neoliberal market capitalism. Our community can do much better.

Best regards,

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