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I fully support the Housing Working group project as presented by trustee Laura Patrick at the Sept. 1 LTC meeting and request that resources and priorities be given to it.

This project would allow the integration of many other pieces and priorities of the Island Trusts work on SSI and could provide an efficient framework for other projects such as the Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystem protection considerations, the necessary evolving relationship of our land uses with our First Nations, and any climate change planning that will be required of the Trust in years to come. The strengths of such an approach are obvious and necessary; by bringing in values of human with ecosystem needs into a planning framework.

When I read this segment to the working group proposal ..

" We cannot afford any further indecision. We must ask "what is Salt Spring Island?" we must create a set of filters to ensure decisions move us closer to that Salt Spring we imagine. Our decisions must be balanced and factor in social, environmental and economic elements- they must be founded in ecology and justice",

I see in this statement and project, the courage and intelligence needed in this crucial time by our leadership.

Take this step.

Sheila Dobie.