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**Subject:** Make Housing a top priority

Trust Committee,

Please make Housing a top priority again by supporting the project proposed by the Housing Working Group. We as a community desperately need this leadership and opportunity to create a long term sustainable plan, balancing the needs of the community and the environment!

Please also implement immediately, as part of the phase one plan to enact practical solutions concurrently with the other actions of phase one, the recommendations proposed by Salt Spring Solutions to improve the Suites bylaw. The land use changes that will be most effective to alleviate the stress on our community in the short term are those that enable the use of existing buildings because of the high cost of building. By allowing suites in accessory buildings such as over garages, shops and barns etc. you will vastly increase the potential for uptake of this solution. This will also help property owners with a mortgage helper and give options for elderly to down size but stay on their land while renting their house to young families in need.

These amendments proposed by SSSolutions to the suites bylaw could be implemented quickly to properties Island wide and finally show meaningful action by the LTC that enables broad immediate results.

Thank you!

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