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The current version of the Official Community Plan divides its attention to affordable housing and the availability of water.

The OCP has a long term vision, ie. is not updated frequently.

There will always be a need for affordable housing as human population increases and people from other parts of Canada will continue to be drawn to this.

The continued availability of water is an oxymoron, ie.

the amount of water annually received on Salt Spring is limited to what falls from the sky, and this will be impacted by climate change.

Global warming is an established fact.

The increasing incidence of wildfire and human-caused fire are well recognized realities.

Yet demand for water to satisfy all sectors of demand means that the supply of water is insufficient to meet demand.

Climate Change cycles have come and gone in the past, are long-lived in passing I believe, and only after the root causes of demand and supply are equalized.

Knowing this, Islands Trustees are called upon to modify their aspirations for increased affordable housing.

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