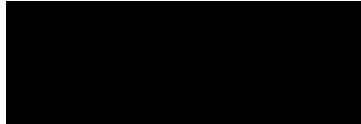


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To the Salt Spring Trustees,

I'm feeling quite frustrated with the OCP-LUB engagement survey. It seems like the premise you have based it on is skewed towards development or "keeping pace", so that inevitably it is biased towards shaping Salt Spring Island for its human population.

My answers to the questions were in most cases "other". Since I didn't see an on-line version of the questionnaire and there is nowhere to drop off my badly scribbled copy of the form on this last day to send it in, I am emailing you my responses.

-Balancing growth and sustainability: Prioritize environmental protection. Allow housing permitted in the original OCP and ensure that most new housing is affordable with strict measure to ensure this.

-Nature-based and green infrastructure sounds good, but can also be destructive and shortsighted in many cases, like the so called green shoring for Baker Road Beach.

-What do I like most about being on Saltspring? I like living in a friendly community where people help one another and much of the island is left wild.

-Question 4: impossible to circle one option. We need a balance of these options as well as nature reserves, areas not intended for recreation.

-Housing needs: generally keep to the existing OCP.

-Purpose built housing: all the categories listed sound good and we need to consider each as it is proposed. Generally what we don't need is more housing for the rich, but how do you regulate that?

-I like the idea of clustering all housing, including rental, near services and am certainly in favour of building pathways and bike infrastructure.

I appreciate your effort to engage with Salt Spring islanders, but feel like this is a flawed, misleading and confusing survey, especially with the simultaneous Islands Trust Draft Policy Statement Survey. Issues are complex and cannot be answered easily. The process cannot be rushed.

Sincerely,
Frances Hill