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**Subject:** FW: Re: Priority of reviewing previously passed bylaws on South Pender Island

South Pender Island Trustees  
Sent via email

February 24th, 2024

Hello,

I am a resident of South Pender. I have lived and worked here for over 20 years. I have family and community here. And I would like to live here for many more years.

The Island trust issues with housing size, property setbacks and shoreline access, etc, are complex. There are pros and cons for both sides. It seems most of the outcomes depends on each individual person's choices, on where, and what they build and for whom.

I really appreciate all the energy and effort that everyone puts in to trying to figure out these issues. I am also very frustrated that while we are processing and debating, we are losing what we are trying to protect.

I put this question to all, but especially the trustees, Are we asking the right questions and dealing with the right issues? Are we using time wisely?

Who and what are, the weakest links in the trust area of the Southern gulf islands? Who and what, doesn't have the ability to speak up and ask for what they need? The trust is to protect the land and what is here. *to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment.*

It has been noted that on the Pender Islands, there was not one eagle born last year, that has survived. What are we doing to protect the land, and environment where the eagles live so that the eagles may survive? As well as other species that are still in existence.

Our trees are dying. What are we doing to support them. How are our bylaws and the choices we make helping them? Our shorelines are washing away. What can we do, what is working around the world to deal with this issue? Never mind our oceans and beaches, our water supply, the wetlands, our farms, the soil on the usable land that we have, and the very air we breathe. Just to name some.

It seems that human beings that live on South Pender Island are not the weakest, but the strongest and most destructive link in the trust area. I believe the majority of us are thriving already.

Is it possible to stop debating the current bylaws that are focused on the strongest species. Could we instead work together to consider, make space for and save, what we have and what we are in danger of losing. Please stop talking about changing the ocp. Instead review and focus on the policy statement of the trust and it's mandate. It is very possible that working from the direction of the ocp, and asking different questions, we may find the answers to the limits and sizes that will protect and preserve the trust area, it's amenities, the environment and all that live here.

Please stop talking about changing the existing bylaws re: house size, and property setbacks, as there is not enough time. Please focus on much more important issues of protecting and preserving what is not thriving, in our trust area of South Pender Island.

Thank you for your time,

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