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Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee

**Via email:** [tpeterson@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:tpeterson@islandstrust.bc.ca)

Attention: Timothy Peterson, Chair

Dear Timothy Peterson:

**RE: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ISLANDS TRUST POLICY STATEMENT**

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, and following a motion from the Salt Spring Island (SSI) Local Community Commission's (LCC) February 12, 2026 meeting, I write to provide the following recommendations to the proposed Bylaw No 183, Islands Trust Policy Statement:

1. That the policy statement makes more explicit the essential role of draft policy 3.4.9. Existing Development Potential in reducing the potential for subdivision and development in more isolated and rural areas of the Islands, thereby enabling the redirection of future development away from those areas and towards existing/urban areas. We also recommend that this policy be made a directive policy.
2. Where appropriate, Islands Trust should ensure Islands Trust policies include "collaboration with other agencies required to achieve policy goals", e.g., waste water, roads, recreation, street lighting, active transportation.
3. Regarding policy 2.3.4. add "and policies" at the end of the statement.
4. Regarding policy 3.4.11. add the words "including affordable housing" to the end of the statement.
5. In the glossary, define affordable and attainable housing.
6. That draft policy 3.5.11. Protection of Agricultural Lands be revised to read: "Identify and protect lands within the agricultural land reserve and other agricultural lands as defined by the BC Ministry of Agriculture for current and future use for agriculture."

Thank you for your consideration of the SSI Local Community Commission's feedback on the proposed Bylaw No. 183 Islands Trust Policy Statement. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss the recommendations.

Sincerely,

Cliff McNeil-Smith

CRD Board Chair

cc: CRD Board  
SSI Local Community Commission, CRD  
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD