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Peter Luckman

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Dear Mr Luckham:

Further to our conversation today I am writing to advise you to withdraw the proposed policy document, scheduled for First Reading July 8, 2021 in its present form pending more comprehensive and inclusive public consultation and clarification of its language in order to preserve the integrity of its laudatory goals.

Those goals include Reconciliation, adapting to Climate Change, and the creation of affordable housing to accommodate present and future needs in the Trust area. The policy document review is an exciting opportunity to “protect and preserve” the Trust region for the next few decades.

The existing document, however, is deeply flawed and the lack of meaningful public consultation in the process has created alarm and distrust which could undermine attempts to reach our common goals.

My assessment is based on 27 years as a federal MP, Cabinet Minister and Senator deeply experienced in the drafting and processing of legislation so it can be effectively implemented—or not! I have served as Chair and vice-chair of several committees and learned that the language used in laws, including bylaws, matter. So does the process followed in drafting them.

The proposed policy document is not ready for First Reading. In order to preserve the integrity of its goals, it should be withdrawn. Simply amending the present document could lead to obscuring its original intent and we will have missed a great opportunity to prepare for the future of our beloved islands and the planet.

Lets keep trust in the Island Trust.

Sincerely,

Pat Carney

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Cc Trustees Paul Brent, Lee Middleton

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Cc Hon Murray Rankin Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation