

Did the Trustees write the proposed policy statement?

Below is a question raise by Carol Money, Saturna Island Resident to her Trustee Paul Brent.

Dated January 27,2022.

I, Carol Money, asked Paul Brent whether the Trustees wrote the proposed policy statement.

This is the email he sent back to me.... please note the PS at the bottom. This is important - he was on the Trust Program Committee but did not see this document until May 3. Remember it was going for 1st Reading in July 2021 I believe. I rec'd permission from him to post his reply.

The object (mandate) reads like this:

The object of the Trust is to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia.

Since residents are specifically mentioned, and the Trust's powers relate to land use, of course those most affected by land use changes, and who are specifically noted, need to have a significant say. How can you provide the preserve and protect "benefit" to residents, if you don't understand what they consider such a benefit to be?

And of course the Local Government Act and Community Charter and other regs apply to trustees.

Cheers

Paul

ps. I'm a trustee of the Trust Program committee and did not see the Policy Statement rewrite until the whole document was presented May 3rd. And the minutes of that meeting will show that I was unprepared to comment on it until I consulted with my community.