

To the Public Engagement Consultant: Why not take time to absorb the engagement results and allow the public to approve the Policy through their votes for the Trustees in the fall election?

To Quote: "Phase 1 and 2 public engagement (PE) were inadequate. Phase 3 PE is costing approximately \$100K more than planned; and the results may not be fully incorporated"

I personally do not believe that inflation in Canada is only 8% Cost of my groceries, and my transportation costs this last year have risen 38% yet the trust instituted policies that curtailed revenue. NOW the trust is planning:

1. to spend more money than the members can provide.
2. to provide the revenue which are needed to operate and provide services.

Since the trust has failed the people it was elected to serve otherwise there would not be the complaints that you are being subjected to by so many concerned citizens of the island, you have no choice, you need to let democracy take place and allow the members to be heard.

Yours truly,

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