

**Subject: 2050 SURVEY DYSFUNCTION**

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To: The Honourable Nathan Cullen Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Mr. Russel Hotsenpiller CAO Islands Trust  
Mr. D. Morrison Chair Trust Program Committee

c.c. Islands Trustees

Gentlemen:

I sent an email to you and copied the Islands Trust Committee members on April 11, 2022. The context of the correspondence was the dysfunctional management of The Islands Trust and lack of leadership.

In keeping with this independent assessment of the Islands Trust, the rush to process The ISLANDS 2050 Policy Statement Amendment continues in keeping with the dysfunctional edict.

I attempted to complete the online version of the ISLANDS 2050 Policy Statement survey but complexities of accessing online and completing the guide resulted in me being locked out of the process on the presumption that I had completed the survey.

I attempted to pick up hard copies at the Salt Spring Office only to find they had no knowledge of the document or availability.

A few days later I was informed that the hard copies were available.

I was shocked at the expensive document with which an envelope carrying \$4.00 of stamps was provided.

I picked up 4 copies for associates to complete and return. All recipients were appalled at the extravagance of the survey document, and all felt it was deceitful in that it guided participants into providing answers that the proponents of this policy change wanted.

I was unable to find a closing date for the survey in the document and on phoning the number provided by the survey, the Trust Office was not able to provide an answer. A call to me 15 minutes

later revealed it was the 17 April 2022 but I was informed that if it was mailed immediately, it would be accepted.

I would also emphasize that the Islands Trust review report noted that the Islands Trust has neglected First Nations in decision making and though making statements to the effect that First Nations have been consulted on the 2050 statement, consultations with Salt Spring First Nations has not yet occurred.

The state of dysfunction has not been rectified. May I respectfully request that all decisions on the future of the Trust area be delayed until full public consultation has occurred and the Islands Trust House has been put in order.

Sincerely,

Brian Milne  
Salt Spring Island, BC