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North Pender Trustee Corner
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I'd like to take a bit of space here to talk about trees. There has been some debate about the cutting of big trees. Check out this article (tinyurl.com/bigtreecarbon) which lays out an argument for why we should keep big trees as atmospheric carbon sinks - helping out with climate change mitigation. Sustainable forest and agriculture practices are key ways that rural areas can help out in our time of shifting climate. So before cutting a big tree, think not only of yourself and your view but instead think more broadly of our community's role in fostering a healthy planet. Instead of cutting, consider limbing to improve that view. Within development permit areas always ask before you cut as there are many reasons to keep trees that go beyond climate change. Of course, the Islands Trust will take into consideration issues such as house safety but we also need to consider how big tree might be quietly helping the environment.

As we move into the summer, please reach out to me about your thoughts about issues in our community such as waste management, climate change emergency actions, and the siting of the concrete plant (dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca). Please explore our Trustee site for both North and South Pender Islands (www.penderislandstrust.org). If you are having trouble finding something on the main Islands Trust site, let one of us know and we'll try to get a link up to the Trustee site.