



ISLANDS 2050 - FACT SHEET

ABOUT THE POLICY STATEMENT AMENDMENT PROJECT

What is the Islands Trust Policy Statement?

The Policy Statement contains the policies that Trust Council uses to carry out its special provincial mandate to preserve and protect the unique amenities and environment of the Trust Area. The Policy Statement shapes land and marine use planning across the Trust Area by guiding the development of more detailed, locally specific official community plans and regulatory bylaws, as well as Trust Council’s intergovernmental collaboration and advocacy.

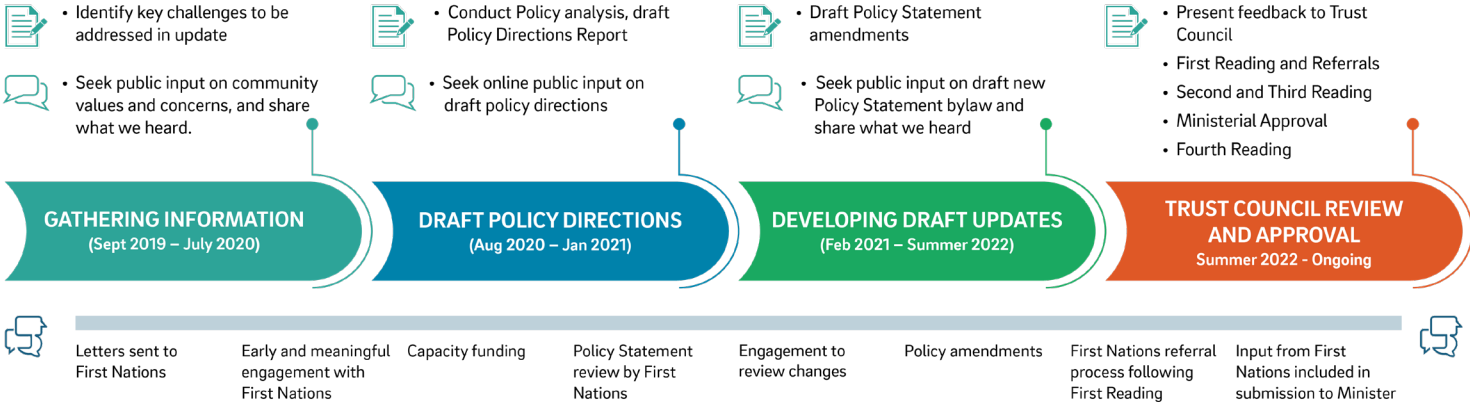
Why are we amending the Policy Statement?

The current version has not been substantively updated since 1994, and a lot has changed in the past 25 years. We are updating the Policy Statement to address some

of the key challenges and opportunities of our time, and to reflect Trust Council’s commitments to reconciliation, climate change and affordable housing.

What is the process for amending the Policy Statement?

The Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project is going through several iterative stages, meaning that each stage of the project will build on, and be informed by, the stages that came before it (see the following figure for more details).



What Does it Mean to Have a Reading of the Policy Statement Bylaw?

- The Policy Statement bylaw must pass three readings before it goes to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. This means is that Trust Council has three separate chances to consider the pros and cons, and to vote on any changes it wants to make. This process ensures that every bylaw is carefully considered before it is passed.

First reading

- First reading indicates that Trust Council wishes to consider the bylaw. It is generally not an indication of whether or not Trust Council supports a bylaw, but rather introduces it for discussion.

Second reading

- Second reading is when Trust Council discusses the content of the bylaw. Trust Council can debate the issues, make amendments, and vote again. This time, Trust Council is voting on whether or not they support the proposed bylaw.

Third reading

- Third reading is the final discussion and last chance for debate, and amendments.

Fourth reading

- Fourth reading is the last step to adopt the new bylaw after approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.



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