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Via email: pm@pm.gc.ca; premier@gov.bc.ca

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

Office of the Prime Minister
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The Honourable John Horgan

Office of the Premier
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Horgan:

Re: Islands Trust Council Urges Federal and Provincial Governments to Support the Global Initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

I am writing to inform you that on June 23, 2022, Islands Trust Council joined local governments around the world in endorsing the global initiative for a [Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty](#). This commendable initiative aims to address the current climate emergency by eliminating fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phasing out existing production, and accelerating equitable transition plans. The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty has now been endorsed by over 60 cities and sub-national governments, over 150,000 individuals, and over 1,300 organizations around the world.

Acknowledging the roles that provincial and federal leaders must play in curbing fossil fuel expansion, Islands Trust Council urges the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia to support the global initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty at the provincial and federal levels, thereby demonstrating Canada's leadership in the transition to a cleaner, safer, more resilient world.

The Islands Trust Area is located in Coast Salish Territory, between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island, and encompasses more than 450 small islands in the Salish Sea. Covering 5,200 square kilometres, the region is home to biodiverse and sensitive ecosystems, the highest density of species at risk in Canada, and many culturally significant areas for First Nations and Indigenous Peoples. Small island communities and ecosystems are highly vulnerable to the increasing climate impacts of hotter/drier summers, wildfire risks, droughts, rising sea levels, ocean acidification, shoreline erosion, and storm surge flooding, etc., particularly where there are existing socioeconomic and health related inequities. In 2019, Islands Trust Council formally declared a Climate Emergency and committed to taking urgent and equitable climate action.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has reported that we must achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by the middle of this century if we are to have a reasonable chance of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. For the well-being of our youth and future generations, it is imperative that we act swiftly and decisively to stop fossil fuel expansion today.

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Preserving and protecting over 450 islands and surrounding waters in the Salish Sea

Bowen Denman Hornby Gabriola Galiano Gambier Lasqueti Mayne North Pender Salt Spring Saturna South Pender Thetis

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Thus, we urge you once again to join Islands Trust and many others in supporting this global initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Thank you for considering this important request. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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