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Via Email: MAH.minister@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Selina Robinson
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
PO Box 9056, STN PROV GOVT.
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Dear Minister Robinson:

Re: Eligibility for Review by the Auditor General for Local Government

I am writing to advise you that during its September 17-18, 2019 meeting the Islands Trust Council passed the following motion:

That Trust Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to add the Islands Trust to the *Auditor General Act*, allowing for review of the Trust by the Auditor General for Local Government.

As you know, the Islands Trust is dedicated to upholding the Islands Trust object as set out in the *Islands Trust Act*.

“The object of the trust is to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the trust area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations, and the government of British Columbia.”

As described in the Islands Trust Policy Statement, the following principles guide Trust Council in its day-to-day planning and decision-making:

- The primary responsibility of the Islands Trust Council is to provide leadership for the preservation, protection and stewardship of the amenities, environment and resources of the Trust Area.
- When making decisions and exercising judgment, Trust Council will place priority on preserving and protecting the integrity of the environment and amenities in the Trust Area.
- Trust Council will seek information from a broad range of sources in its decision-making processes, recognizing the importance of local knowledge in this regard.
- Trust Council believes that to achieve the Islands Trust object, the rate and scale of growth and development in the Trust Area must be carefully managed and may require limitation.

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- Trust Council believes that open, consultative public participation is vital to effective decision making for the Trust Area.
- Trust Council will implement a plan for the advancement of the Policy Statement as part of its annual budget process, and the Executive Committee of Trust Council will report to Council on progress in achieving the goals of the Policy Statement.

Becoming eligible for auditing by the Auditor General of Local Government would support the Islands Trust Council's commitment to upholding the object and the above principles while operating in an efficient and effective manner.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Sincerely,



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