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Via email: [MAH.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MAH.minister@gov.bc.ca)

The Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
PO BOX 9056, STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria BC V8W9E2

Dear Minister:

**RE: Enhance Islands Trust's Jurisdiction Over Tree Cutting**

Congratulations on your recent election success and appointment as Minister of Municipal Affairs. The Islands Trust Council is looking forward to working with you over the next four years to advance protection of the Islands Trust Area. I am writing to advise you that during its September 15-16, 2020 meeting, the Islands Trust Council passed the following motion:

*That Islands Trust request the Province enhance the Trust's jurisdiction over tree cutting bylaws to make its jurisdiction equal to that of municipalities under section 8 of the Community Charter.*

The protection of sensitive forest ecosystems is a top priority for Islands Trust and a cornerstone of our 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. In addition to this request for additional local trust committee powers, we want you to know that we are still requesting that the Province change legislation so that local trust committees could regulate, but not prohibit, forest activities on Private Managed Forest Lands within the Islands Trust Area.

In March 2019, Islands Trust Council joined First Nations and governments around the world in declaring a Climate Emergency, calling for an urgent response to the threats and costs posed by climate change. Proper management and protection of forest ecosystems and green carbon sinks in the Trust Area will be critical to the Trust's climate mitigation and adaptation efforts.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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