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

The Honourable Ravi Kahlon  
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs  
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Dear Minister Kahlon:

**Re: Proposed Community Charter amendments**

I am writing on behalf of the Islands Trust Executive Committee to express its support for proposed amendments to Community Charter that would expand circumstances in which local government board and council meetings can be closed to the public, including some circumstances specifically relevant to local government-First Nations relations.

The proposed amendments will be immensely helpful in supporting local governments and Islands Trust bodies in building relationships with First Nations.

Islands Trust Council, local trust committees, and the Islands Trust Conservancy Board have long identified the need for these changes.

Please convey our thanks to all involved for the work to date.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Patrick  
Chair, Islands Trust Council

Ec: Bowen Island Municipal Council  
Islands Trust Conservancy Board  
Islands Trust Council