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Peter Luckham, Chair
Islands Trust Council
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Dear Peter Luckham:

Thank you for your letter requesting a legislative amendment to the Auditor General for Local Government Act, to add the Islands Trust to the Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG)'s mandate. I apologize for the delay in responding.

It is my understanding that Islands Trust and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff have been discussing the Islands Trust's request to be included in the AGLG's scope of work. I encourage the Islands Trust to continue to liaise with ministry staff on this work.

As you may be aware, the office of the AGLG conducts performance audits of the operations of local governments; these are known as 'value for money' audits and focus on themes such as human resources; emergency management; and capital project management. As such, they vary significantly from traditional financial audits, which as I understand, may be what you are seeking. Ministry staff will continue to work to clarify how to support the Islands Trust in this request, and to facilitate a discussion with the AGLG if desired.

The office of the AGLG also publishes "Perspectives" booklets on best practice recommendations that may be helpful or relevant to the Islands Trust. These booklets are available on the AGLG's website at: <http://www.aglg.ca/>.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Robinson', is written over the name 'Selina Robinson'.

Selina Robinson
Minister