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Islands Trust takes stand on Kyoto and climate change

At the September Islands Trust Council meeting, trustees voted in favour of a resolution regarding the Kyoto Protocol and climate change. Only one trustee voted against the resolution.

Council resolved as follows:

1. That the Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write to the federal government and ask it to renew its commitment to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as established in Canada's ratification of the Kyoto Protocol.

2. That the Islands Trust Council request the Local Planning Committee to consider the topic of adaptive planning—including measures that Local Trust Committees could incorporate in Official Community Plans and Land Use

Bylaws—to mitigate the potential impacts of climate change.

3. That the Islands Trust Council request the Executive Committee, Local Trust Committees and the Bowen Island Municipality to take opportunities to encourage island residents and visitors to be aware of the significant impact of climate change on our communities and the natural environment and to take steps to reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases.

4. That the draft Strategic Plan include, under 'Protect and Enhance the Natural Environment,' adaptive planning to mitigate the potential impact of climate change. ✍

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