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Subject: Islands Trust Proposed Tax Increase
2026 Draft Budget

The Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association hereby expresses its concern with Islands Trust's proposed 13.9% tax increase. For Islands Trust to justify this increase as a result of grant decreases, surplus and reserve transfers clearly exemplifies a lack of fiscal planning and responsibility by Trust leadership, Trustees and Trust personnel.

Of equal concern is when current trustees attempt to make past Councils responsible for this shortfall and shortsightedness; and then use this as a justification for the increase to proceed. A show of fiscal responsibility by reducing spending to the available funds, though challenging, would as representatives of our islands and communities be the advisable path.

Taxes and other costs continue to increase at an arduous rate. Islands Trust should reign in their spending.

Respectfully submitted by,

Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association