



# News Release

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## **December Trust Council Program Announced**

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting December 4-6, 2012 on Salt Spring Island. The public meeting starts Tuesday, December 4 at 1:45 pm. and is expected to finish by 2:00 pm on Thursday, December 6.

The 26-member Council makes decisions about overall policy, staff resources and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate. Trust Council invites members of the public to participate in a town hall session, a regular forum to promote dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5. Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal delegation to the Islands Trust Council must receive an appointment through the Executive Committee. Please send the topic, speaker's name and contact information to the attention of Marie Smith (email: [msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca); fax: 250.405.5155) by Thursday, November 15, 2012. Guidelines for making a presentation to Council are available at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/addressstips.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/addressstips.cfm). Please note that the Islands Trust Council does not make local land use decisions, which are the responsibility of the local trustees within their respective local trust areas.

The agenda package for the December Trust Council meeting will be available for viewing on the Islands Trust website on Monday, November 26 and at our Gabriola, Salt Spring and Victoria offices.

**Trust Council Sessions** will include:

**Greenshores for Homes and Shoreline Mapping** – Trustees will receive an overview of the Green Shores for Homes credit rating and incentive program, presentation on work being undertaken in San Juan County and a review of the integrated shoreline mapping project.

**Provincial Agricultural Land Commission** – Trustees will have an opportunity to hear about recent and planned changes to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) from its Chair, Richard Bullock, and to ask questions and discuss issues related to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) in island communities.

**2013-2014 Draft Budget** – This session will provide an overview of the Islands Trust budget process, the base budget, potential new programs and revenue requirements, and will prepare trustees for decisions regarding the 2013-2014 budget that they will make at the March 2013 Trust Council meeting.

**Delegations and Town Hall** – Trust Council encourages members of the public to participate in dialogue between islanders and trustees. The public is invited to discuss issues, ask questions and make suggestions about the work of Islands Trust Council.

**Decision and Information Items** – Trust Council will consider a variety of routine business updates and decisions and will review recommendations from each Council Committee regarding proposed work programs for the coming quarter. Decision highlights will include a submission to the province about BC Ferries, advocacy related to the proposed National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and the revision of financial policies.

The Islands Trust Area, home to more than 25,000 people, covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island, including Howe Sound and as far north as Comox. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation.

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*Attached: 3 day agenda program*

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Bowen, Denman, Hornby, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis



## December 2012 Islands Trust Council Agenda Program

Meeting Location: Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Road, Salt Spring Island

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	Tuesday, December 4	Wednesday, December 5	Thursday, December 6
<b>A.M.</b>		8:30 – 9:15 <b>**Closed Meeting**</b> 9:15 – 9:45 <b>Decision and Information Items</b> 9:45 – 10:15 Break 10:15 – 12:15 <b>Agricultural Land Commission</b>	8:30 – 10:00 <b>2013-14 Draft Budget</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Process</li> <li>• Initial Review</li> </ul> 10:30 – 11:00 Break 11:00 – 11:45 <b>Decision and Information Items</b>
<b>P.M.</b>	1:45 <b>Call to Order/Notice of New Items</b> 1:50 – 3:30 <b>Greenshores for Homes and Shoreline Mapping</b> 3:30 – 4:00 Break 4:00 – 5:30 <b>Decision and Information Items</b>	12:15 – 1:00 Lunch 1:00 – 2:30 <b>Delegations &amp; Town Hall</b> 2:30 – 3:00 Break 3:00 – 5:00 <b>Decision and Information Items</b>	11:45 – 12:30 Lunch 12:30 – 2:00 <b>Trustee Roundtable</b> 2:00 Meeting Adjourned

\*\* Members of the public are invited to attend all sessions except any closed meetings and meals.