

North Pender Island Local Trust Committee

On Thursday October 25th, the North Pender Local Trust Committee (NPLTC) met at the Community Hall. Chair Peter Luckham from Thetis Island called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM. Local Trustees Gary Steeves and Ken Hancock were in attendance along with Planner Andrea Pickard.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 20th 2012 North Pender LTC were adopted and they can be viewed on line at the Islands Trust website (www.islandstrust.bc.ca). Just click on North Pender Island.

Business Arising

Planner Pickard reviewed the **Follow-up Action Report** including the purchase of a series of reports from Pender Community Transition (PCT). These reports are available to the public by visiting the North Pender page at the Islands Trust website cited above.

Correspondence

There were a number of items dealt with under this agenda topic. First was a letter from PCT submitting a series of reports which the NPLTC had agreed to purchase and reviewing the activities and events which PCT has sponsored. The events included among others the Inter-Island Sustainability & Local Resilience Gathering; a film and talk on Wacky Weather, Food Fragility and Compassionate Climate Action; and a skill building workshop on Seed Saving and Community Seed Banks.

A letter was received from Jim Burrows complaining about the Timbers community information meeting and the neighbours unaddressed issues. The writer cited the history of the STVR review and his belief that land uses must comply with zoning so that quiet neighbourhoods are protected from intense commercial activity.

A letter from the Pender Islands Conservancy Association thanked the LTC for supporting a Parks Canada/Pender Conservancy Association half day seminar on the connection between the natural health of our shorelines and the resulting impact on human activity, salmon stocks and our Orca pods. The seminar type event featured professional experts in engineering, ecosystem sciences, and marine biology. It urged the LTC to continue with educational efforts to assist waterfront property owners in making good land use decisions on island shorelines.

Applications

There were no applications on this meeting's agenda although staff pointed out that a number of complex applications will be on the November meeting agenda.

Projects by the LTC

The Local Trust Committee has been working since last year on the possibility of amending the North Pender Associated Islands Official Community Plan (**Bylaw 189**) and the North Pender Associated Islands Land Use Bylaw (**Bylaw 187**).

A Staff Report with recommendations was received by the LTC. The draft bylaws were reviewed clause by clause and amended accordingly. The amendments were referred back to staff so that a full text copy of Draft Bylaws 187 & 189 could be prepared showing the proposed deletions and additions to the current bylaws.

Amendments to Bylaws 187 & 189 will come back to a future LTC for further consideration.

Another project of the Local Trust Committee is the **Shoreline Review**. A Staff Report with recommendations was received. The LTC has received numerous reports and studies showing that certain human activities above the natural area boundary has profound impacts on the shoreline below the high water mark. The pebble beaches are the habitat for forage fish (which feed baby salmon) and eel grass is the natural protection for young salmon and other species. The destruction of these habitats will reduce our salmon stocks and other species that depend on them including Orca whales and humans. Wild salmon stocks are only one of the reasons to protect shoreline habitats but an important one nonetheless.

The LTC directed staff to proceed with developing a web-based, shoreline information resource package including an interactive mapping component. A paper based info package and brochure will also be prepared for use in an education initiative to help protect our shorelines and the marine life that depends on it.

Regular Reports

A number of regular reports were received by the committee. The LTC Work Program (Top Priorities and Projects) was reviewed and is available to the public at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

The regular reports included a report on outstanding applications, the LTC Budget and the LTC Chair.

Web Page

The LTC reviewed the North Pender webpage to insure the content was up to date and timely. Those interested in James Island/First Nations issues can review a Staff Report on the matter on the North Pender webpage.

Upcoming Meetings

All Local Trust Committee meetings are open to the public. The next LTC meeting is Thursday November 29th at the Pender Island Community Hall.

Note there is no LTC meeting in December.

The 2013 meeting schedule is on the North Pender webpage. In general the Committee meets the last Thursday of every month. Note, however, there is no meeting scheduled in July, September and December.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Steeves & Ken Hancock
North Pender Island Local Trustees