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March Trust Council Program Announced

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting March 5-7, 2013 on Thetis Island. The public meeting starts Tuesday, March 5 at 1:45 pm and is expected to finish by 12:15 pm on Thursday, March 7.

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 2:00 pm on Wednesday, March 6. 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; fax: 250.405.5155) by Monday, February 18, 2013. Guidelines for making a presentation to Council are available at www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/addresstips.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 March Trust Council meeting will be available for viewing on the Islands Trust website on Monday, February 25 and at our Gabriola, Salt Spring and Victoria offices.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

2013-2014 Budget – Trustees will review and discuss the draft budget for Council's core operations and potential projects. Trustees will consider the public input received and discuss options for amending the draft budget. Council will then finalize and approve the Islands Trust's 2013-2014 budget and consider its annual Financial Plan Bylaw.

Working with the Islands Trust Fund – Trustees will receive an overview of the programs of the Islands Trust Fund and discuss how collaboration with island-based organizations and other units of the Islands Trust can result in increased protection of special areas.

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.

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



March 2013 Islands Trust Council Agenda Program

Meeting Location: Overbury Resort, 288 Forbes Drive – Thetis Island

Feb 5/13

	Tuesday, March 5	Wednesday, March 6	Thursday, March 7
A.M.		8:30 – 10:30 *Closed Meeting* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Legal Session</i> • <i>Litigation Update</i> 10:30 – 11:00 Break 11:00 – 11:30 Decision and Information Items	8:30 – 10:15 Decision and Information Items 10:15 – 10:45 Break 10:45 – 12:15 Trustee Roundtable
P.M.	1:45 Call to Order/Notice of New Items 1:50 – 3:30 2013/14 Budget Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Revenue & Expenses</i> • <i>Salaries and Staffing</i> • <i>Strategic Plan Implications</i> 3:30 – 4:00 Break 4:00- 5:30 Decision and Information Items	11:30 – 1:00 Lunch and Island Visit 1:00 – 2:00 Working with the Islands Trust Fund 2:00 – 3:00 Delegations & Town Hall 3:00 – 3:30 Break 3:30 – 4:30 2013/14 Budget Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Budget Debate and Approval</i> 4:30 – 5:30 Decision and Information Items	

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