

South Pender Local Trustees' Report

Update on the Church of the Good Shepherd proposal

At the June 19th LTC meeting, following the recommendation of South Pender's APC (Advisory Planning Commission), the local Trust Committee voted unanimously to accept *in principle* the proposal of a parkland dedication involving the Church of the Good Shepherd, *subject to several conditions*. The conditions involve the many uncertainties related to the Church property that will take more time to resolve. Meanwhile the application approval process will not progress until the conditions are satisfied. The proposal must still overcome many hurdles and is far from a "done deal". The LTC's decision signals that the proposal is acceptable in principle and therefore worth the applicants' efforts to pursue. Background on this application is included in the agenda for the South Pender LTC June 19th meeting at the Islands Trust Website.

Highlights from Trust Council meeting June 12 - 14

Trustees from all the other Trust islands convened on Pender for the quarterly meeting June 12 through 14. The meeting agenda can be found at the Islands Trust website under Highlights. Here are a few of *our* highlights of the week:

- The Trust Council voted overwhelmingly to oppose in principle oil pipeline projects that will expand oil export by barge and tanker from Canada's West Coast. For more background on this issue, see the news release under Highlights at the Island Trust website.
- Pender Island's Margot Venton was recognized with a stewardship award for her outstanding work ensuring the protection of Southern Resident Killer Whales.
- The Trust Council was treated to the premiere of the inspiring locally produced film "Youth and Elders: Wisdom for a Brighter Future" a project of Pender Community Transition and filmmakers, David Ohnona and Joanne Green. To learn more about the film and find out how you can acquire a copy, visit the PCT website: pendercommunitytransition.ca
- North Pender Trustees, Gary Steeves and Ken Hancock, arranged to shuttle Trustees between meetings and dinner in a quiet and comfortable EV bus - as a vision of possible things to come in our green and low carbon future.

Oil Spill Preparedness

Several Trustees recently attended oil spill certification exercises performed by Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC). WCMRC is the company contracted by the government to respond to oil spills in our coastal waters. WCMRC will be conducting a presentation for Trust Council at our September meeting on Bowen Island, and plans to work with the Islands Trust on an ongoing basis to improve spill response in our waters. This focus on oil spill preparedness does not mean that the Islands Trust envisions or supports an increase in marine traffic and tankers through our waters. Even at current traffic levels there is a real danger of significant spill damage. Preparedness and reducing the damage in the event of a spill is always a necessity.

South Pender Community Survey

The South Pender Local Trust Committee has decided to leave our online survey up until August 28th, 2012. We are looking into effective and cost efficient ways of consulting with the community, so if you have any interest in sharing your views on issues affecting you, please try the survey method and let us know what you think. There is a link to the survey on South Pender Island web page of the Islands Trust website. If you have any questions, would like some help in doing the survey online, or would like a paper copy of the survey to fill out, please contact us. The survey results will be posted online shortly after August 28th.

Happy Summer, All!

Liz Montague and Mike Jones, your Trustees for South Pender Island