

### **South Pender Island Local Trust Committee Report for March 2013**

The first South Pender LTC meeting of 2013 took place on Tuesday, February 5th. One highlight of the meeting was the appointment of the Advisory Planning Committee (APC) for a three year term. Our work program continues to focus on a review of the Land Use Bylaw (LUB), and a shoreline review. We are also taking the steps towards a Farm Plan for the Penders. Minutes of the February 5th meeting are available at the Islands Trust website at the South Pender Island page.

On Saturday, February 9th, a Community Information Meeting (CIM) took place to discuss the proposed amendments to the land use bylaw (LUB) and the overall LUB review process. In spite of stiff competition from another community event, our turn-out was strong, with more than 15 community members joining us for coffee, cookies and an exchange of some clear and well-developed positions on the proposed amendments. Thanks to all who took the time to participate.

One great benefit of community information meetings is the opportunity to hear a diversity of views and individual experiences, to discuss issues together, to broaden our collective understanding and to meet and visit with neighbors. We Trustees learned a lot and we know others did as well.

The South Pender Island page of the Islands Trust website now includes a link to all materials on the LUB review, including APC minutes, letters from the public, newsletters and CIM minutes. There will be more CIMs on the LUB review. We will take the time to get this right. Your views, when submitted in writing, can be accessed by others in the community through the website link. Please keep your letters and emails coming. Your comments, views and feedback will continue to inform the decisions we make.

Our next business meeting is scheduled for April 16th at 10 AM at the South Pender Fire Hall. Hope to see you there!

#### **Upcoming events of note:**

Saturday March 2 at 9:45 AM at the South Pender Fire Hall #3 - PICA shoreline educational event with John Readshaw, marine engineer.

The South Pender Island shoreline component begins with an overview at the South Pender Fire Hall #3, to be followed by the field session commencing at 10:45 AM at the shoreline between Higgs Road beach access and Brooks Point (Note: parking limited at field location). Many shoreline property owners will have the opportunity of an 'on site' coastal engineer for properties facing Boundary Pass for South Pender Island. Similarly, for properties on North Pender Island, facing Plumper Sound. Details on the corresponding schedule for North Pender are available at PICA website ([www.penderconservancy.org](http://www.penderconservancy.org)). All are welcome at both venues and field locations.

Saturday, March 9 at 3 PM (activities) and 5 PM (dinner) at the Pender Island Community Hall - Pender Community Transition (PCT) "Nettlefest"

A free, all-ages, potluck and musical event to celebrate the coming of Spring and the green and purple wonder of nettles as a gift from our Earth.

For more info: Pender Community Transition ([www.pendercommunitytransition.ca](http://www.pendercommunitytransition.ca))

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