

## **Pender Post Report**

The North Pender Local Trust Committee (LTC) met on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Community Hall Lounge. Chair Peter Luckham and Local Trustees Ken Hancock and Gary Steeves were in attendance along with Regional Planning Manager Robert Kojima, Island Planner Andrea Pickard, Bylaw Enforcement Co-ordinator Miles Drew and Recording Secretary Zorah Staar.

### **Applications, Bylaws, Permits and Referrals**

Following the adoption of the minutes of the October 4 and 25 meetings; a review of business arising from those minutes; and the receipt of correspondence from the Moving Around Pender Society, the LTC turned its attention to two Development Variance Permit (DVP) applications, one Development Permit (DP) application and two Bylaw referrals from neighbouring islands.

The first variance (DVP) application sought relief from the Land Use Bylaw for eight structures illegally sited in the setbacks from the side lot line and the natural area boundary from the sea. It is a complex matter involving a dwelling, built legally in the early 1970's, subsequently doubled or tripled in size without the necessary building permits and variances, and sheds, walkways, and patios all built within the setback from the sea. The CRD issued a stop work order and the LTC referred the matter to the Advisory Planning Commission for advice.

The second DVP application pertained to an oddly shaped lot on Sidney Island which required the property owner to seek permission to built a shed within the side lot line setback. It was a rather straight forward matter and was approved by the LTC.

The Development Permit (DP) application sought to adjust a lot line between two properties owned by the same person. Again, the LTC saw this as a rather routine matter and approved the application. Lot line adjustments are considered subdivisions under BC law and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is the approving agency.

Two bylaw referrals, one from the Saturna Island LTC and the other from the South Pender LTC were discussed. Both referrals were sent back to the respective LTC's with the comment that North Pender's "Interests Unaffected by Bylaw".

### **LTC Projects**

The Trust Committee moved ahead with plans to amend the North Pender Associated Islands Official Community Plan (OCP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) as they pertain to Sidney Island. Proposed Bylaw 189 are the OCP amendments while proposed Bylaw

187 contain the amendments to the LUB. The Staff Report and proposed changes can be reviewed in detail at the North Pender LTC webpage ([www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca)) Just click on North Pender and follow the prompts.

The LTC gave First Reading to revised draft bylaw 189 and amended proposed bylaw 187 which had received First Reading at a previous meeting. The LTC then gave Second Reading to proposed Bylaw 187 and directed staff to schedule a Community Information Meeting in conjunction with a Public Hearing on a weekend date in the Town of Sidney.

The Local Trust Committee received a Staff Report on the OCP Road Designation project. After reviewing the options and the resources required for each, the LTC decided to endorse a project that would be limited to only amending the OCP Map Schedule to designate the Magic-Ferry Route and the Car Stop network. Staff are to report back at the next LTC meeting. The Staff Report can be seen on the North Pender webpage ([www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) and click on North Pender Island)

### **Regular Reports**

A number of regular reports were received including the LTC's Work Program and Priorities Report that is also available on the North Pender LTC webpage.

### **New Business**

The LTC directed staff to obtain legal advice on a number of points arising from the ongoing mining claim fiasco. Once obtained the LTC intends to publicize a concise report on the facts and take whatever action is appropriate.

Since the meeting, a legal report has been obtained and is available on the North Pender page of the Islands Trust website.

### **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is January 31<sup>st</sup> 2013. All meetings are open to the public and begin at 9:45 AM at the Community Hall.

We would like to thank all of you who send e-mail, phone or stop us on the ferry, in a store or at recycling to tell us what you think about community issues. Please continue to give us your feedback.

We wish you all a happy and fulfilling New Year.

Respectfully Submitted

Ken Hancock and Gary Steeves  
North Pender Island Trustees