



**February 2013**

### **Action Taken on Mineral Claims**

At the request of the North Pender Local Trust Committee (NPLTC), Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council, has written to BC Minister of Energy & Mines, Rich Coleman asking that the provincial government recognize and act on Section 4.6.1 of the Islands Trust Policy Statement. The policy states that, as a commitment of Trust Council, "Trust Council holds that there should be no extraction of peat, metals, minerals, coal or petroleum resources in the Trust Area". The letter also forwards a specific request from the NPLTC that the Islands Trust Area be reserved from mineral claims under the Mineral Tenures Act as were Vancouver, Victoria and the Saanich Peninsula back in 2007.

Following up on an earlier request by the LTC, Islands Trust Staff have now posted links to information and resource materials, (including provincial contact information), for people who would like to know more about the the staking of mineral claims on their property and elsewhere on the Penders. The link to the Info Sheet is on the North Pender LTC web page at:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/np> or go directly to: <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/np/miningclaims>.

### **Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment**

The trust committee has given First Reading to Proposed Bylaw No. 192 which would amend Road Classification Schedule E (attached to the OCP) to include the location of North Pender Car Stops and to officially designate the location of a proposed multi-use trail for cyclists and pedestrians from the ferry to Magic Lake.

The OCP trail designation is being made at the request of the Moving Around Pender Society (MAPS), who have worked for several years, establishing Car Stops and identifying priorities in planning for changes that lead to safer cyclist and pedestrian use of North Pender roads. This is an important step recognizing the community's desire to see realized what has become known affectionately as, "The Magic Ferry Trail". A Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing have been scheduled to take place at the regular business meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **NMCAR and Marine Stewardship**

The NPLTC has been actively participating in consultations with Parks Canada and the province on the proposed National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (NMCAR). A key current issue under review is the extent of NMCAR "exclusion zones". Exclusion zones are areas that are currently proposed to be excluded from the NMCAR. Due to the governing legislation, sewage outfall areas are already deemed to be excluded and because of their status as Crown properties, BC Ferries terminals and water lots are excluded as well. The question is whether there is a sound rationale for excluding heavy use areas such as marinas. We would particularly like to hear from the North Pender community on this topic and will be considering the areas specific to North Pender a future meeting.

### **Shorelines Under Threat**

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> is another opportunity to learn about coastal forces, sea level rise and why we need alternatives to hardening the shoreline. The Pender Island Conservancy Association (PICA) is planning a repeat of Coastal Engineer John Readshaw's presentation on wave action and potential sea level rise and their effect on our shorelines. This fascinating presentation was one of the highlights of last year's all day marine stewardship workshop. PICA has arranged a workshop for North Pender which will take place at 1:45 pm at the Hope Bay Store Community Room followed by a site visit to nearby beach. For more information please see overleaf.

**CONTACT US:** We depend on and encourage your input. It is the foundation of our progress. Our next meeting is Thurs. Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 am at the Pender Islands Community Hall. Hope to see you there!

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**The Pender Islands Conservancy Association Uplands and Near-shore Apocalypse Follow-up Series:**

**“What We Must Know About Our Shorelines”**

**Theme – “How climate change, plunging fish stocks & declining Orcas will affect all our futures”**



Drummond Bay via Higgs Road Access – January 2013

**“Coastal Engineer John Readshaw” –**  
**Saturday, March 2, 2013**

**By popular demand, PICA has requested the return of Coastal Engineer John Readshaw** to provide a further opportunity to Pender Islanders to address concerns expressed by many with regards to shorelines and the ramifications of climate change.

Now is the time to ask your questions and find the answers to: -

‘What We Must Know About Our Shorelines’

Many shoreline property owners will have the opportunity of an ‘on site’ coastal engineer for those with properties facing Boundary Pass for South Pender Island, and those with properties on North Pender Island facing Plumper Sound.

**Please note, all Pender Islanders are welcome at either venue or field session locations.**

John Readshaw will be providing overviews and then ‘on site shoreline field sessions’ at the following locations: -

**South Pender Island** – Overview 9:45 am at the South Pender Fire Hall #3 with the field session commencing at 10:45 am at the shoreline between Higgs Road beach access and Brooks Point (parking limited at field location).

**North Pender Island** – Overview 1:45 pm at the Hope Bay meeting room with the field session commencing at 2:45 pm at the shoreline of Bricky Bay (Clam Bay Road / Coast Shale Road with beach access down Armadale Road – Parking on Armadale or Coast Shale only).

**Mark your calendars and take advantage of this opportunity!**

Questions??? Contact Sara at 629-6885