

## **South Pender Trustee Report:**

The Tuesday, April 16th business meeting of the South Pender LTC refocused on the proposed draft amendments to the Land Use Bylaw (LUB), and changes to the draft amendments based on recent community input. A decision was made to separate the marine geo-exchange proposal from other draft proposals, since Trustees agree that the questions and concerns related to marine geothermal in the South Pender context deserve close examination and we need to move more slowly, considering all the recently available information about our shorelines, beaches and marine ecosystems.

Based on the community's written responses and the discussion at the Community Information Meeting held February 9th, the LTC decided to delete the draft proposal related to limiting the maximum floor area of a family dwelling.

The draft proposals were further amended by proposing to increase to 24 feet the maximum height limit on accessory buildings, and to add this to the other changes to accessory buildings currently under consideration.

Please see the meeting minutes for details of other changes to the proposed draft amendments.

Looking ahead at the work on the LUB review, a community information meeting is planned for June 15, ahead of the next LTC business meeting on June 18th. This community information meeting will provide the opportunity to review and discuss the current changes and to identify any new topics of concern that relate to land use issues. Residents are encouraged to read the existing bylaw with a critical eye, and let us know if there is any need for improvement in clarity, consistency and readability. You can access the LUB at the Islands Trust website, the South Pender page, by clicking on Planning Tools.

A newsletter will be mailed out to residents and landowners in advance of the community information meeting to help remind, update and refocus the LUB discussion.

In other news, the Lieutenant Governor of BC, the Honorable Judith Guichon, graced us with a visit to our islands on Wednesday, April 17th. The South Pender destinations included Poets Cove for a delectable breakfast followed by a PICA-guided walk through Brooks Point Regional Park, complete with bagpipes playing at the grassy headlands when she arrived and a windy stroll through the chocolate lily pathways - what a treasure!

Finally, a brief message from Trustee, Mike Jones: for those residents who have asked how best to contact Mike, since there is no listed telephone number and he is living off island, the best way to reach him is to email him at [mjones@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:mjones@islandstrust.bc.ca). A phone conversation, on island meeting or Vancouver meeting can also be set up.

Your Trustees, Liz and Mike, are always happy to hear from you.

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