



# News Release

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## **June Trust Council Program Announced**

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting June 11-13, 2013 on Mayne Island. The public meeting starts Tuesday, June 11 at 1:00 pm and is expected to finish by 11:30 am on Thursday, June 13.

The 26-member Council makes decisions about overall policy, staff resources and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate. Trust Council invites members of the public to participate in a town hall session, a regular forum to promote dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 1:35 pm on Wednesday, June 12. Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal delegation to the Islands Trust Council must receive an appointment through the Executive Committee. Please send the topic, speaker's name and contact information to the attention of Marie Smith (email: [msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca); fax: 250.405.5155) by Monday, May 27, 2013. [Click here for tips](#) on addressing Council. Please note that the Islands Trust Council does not make local land use decisions, which are the responsibility of the local trustees within their respective local trust areas. The agenda package for the June Trust Council meeting will be available for viewing on the Islands Trust website and at our Gabriola, Salt Spring and Victoria offices on June 3.

**Trust Council Sessions** will include:

**Carbon Neutrality through Local Initiatives the Community Carbon Marketplace initiative** – Trustees will receive information about the options available for purchase of carbon credits through the Community Carbon Marketplace and some options for supporting local island organizations that work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**Kinder Morgan Canada Presentation on Proposed Oil Tanker Increase** – Trustees will receive information about Kinder Morgan Canada's plans to increase oil tanker traffic through the Islands Trust Area and then will pose questions to Kinder Morgan staff.

**Dialogue with San Juan County Council Members** – Trustees will meet with San Juan County council members to discuss common issues and interests, including economic development, affordable housing and marine safety.

**Tools for Making Difficult Decisions** – Trustees will participate in a workshop and small group discussion session to learn new skills and tools to assist them as they make difficult decisions in their various roles within the Islands Trust.

**Delegations and Town Hall** – Trust Council encourages members of the public to participate in dialogue between islanders and trustees. The public is invited to discuss issues, ask questions and make suggestions about the work of the Islands Trust Council.

**Decision and Information Items** – Trust Council will consider a variety of routine business updates and decisions and will review recommendations from each Council Committee regarding proposed work programs for the coming quarter. Decision highlights will include a decision about the recipients of Trust Council's annual Community Stewardship Program and a decision about the delegation of coordination powers to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee, to enable a more collaborative inter-agency approach to water resource protection.

The Islands Trust Area, home to more than 25,000 people, covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island, including Howe Sound and as far north as Comox. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation.

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*Attached: 3 day agenda program*

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