



# News Release

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## **March 2012 Trust Council Program Announced**

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting March 6-8, 2012 at the Haven on Gabriola Island. The public meeting starts Tuesday, March 6 at 12:45 p.m. and finishes by 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 8. 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 for islanders to address trustees, starting at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7. Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal delegation to the Islands Trust Council on topics relevant to the Islands Trust's work must receive an appointment through the Executive Committee. Please send the topic and the 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 Thursday, February 16, 2012. Guidelines for making a presentation to Council are available at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/addresstips.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/addresstips.cfm). 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. A copy of the agenda package for the March Trust Council meeting will be available for viewing on the Islands Trust website and at our Victoria, Salt Spring Island and Gabriola Island offices after Tuesday, February 28.

Trust Council Sessions include:

**Local Planning Session** – Trustees will receive a presentation from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Options on the Riparian Areas Regulation, followed by a review of work programs and priorities with trustees and staff from the Northern, Southern and Salt Spring planning teams.

**Policy Statement Review Session** – Trustees will debate the recent offer of \$250,000 from Canada's Gas Tax Fund to help Trust Council review the 1994 Policy Statement in this term, and decide whether to accept the grant after considering input from Trust Council's committees and staff's analysis of the implications.

**Strategic Planning Session** – Trustees will receive an introduction to Trust Council's strategic planning process and begin a preliminary identification of priorities.

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

**2012-2013 Budget** – Trustees will review and discuss the proposed budget for Council's core operations and potential special projects. Trustees will consider the public input received and discuss options for amending the proposed budget. Council will then finalize and approve the Islands Trust's 2012-2013 budget and consider its annual Financial Plan Bylaw.

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. The area is approximately 5200 square kilometres in size and includes 13 major islands and over 450 smaller islands.

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*Attached: 3 day agenda program*

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# March 2012 Islands Trust Council Agenda Program

Meetings: The Haven – Auditorium  
240 Davis Road, Gabriola Island

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	Tuesday, March 6	Wednesday, March 7	Thursday, March 8
<b>A.M.</b>		8:15 – 9:15 <b>Introduction to Proposed Policy Statement Review</b> 9:15 – 10:00 <b>Strategic Planning Session</b> 10:00 – 10:20 Break 10:20 – 11:00 <b>Information and Decision Items</b> 11:00 – 12:00 <b>Delegations &amp; Town Hall</b>	8:15 – 11:45 <b>**Closed Meeting**</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>CAO Session</i></li> <li>• <i>Litigation Update</i></li> <li>• <i>Legal Session - Standards of Conduct and Indemnification</i></li> </ul> 10:00 – 10:20 Break 11:45 Meeting adjourned (approx)
<b>P.M.</b>	12:45 <b>Call to Order/Notice of New Items</b> 12:50 – 1:20 <b>Community Presentation</b> 1:20 – 3:40 <b>Local Planning Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Riparian Areas Regulation Update</i></li> <li>• <i>Team Meetings</i></li> </ul> 3:40 – 4:00 Break 4:00 – 5:30 <b>2012-2013 Budget Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Revenue &amp; Expenses</i></li> <li>• <i>Salaries and Staffing</i></li> </ul>	12:00 – 1:25 Lunch & Island Visit 1:30 – 2:30 <b>2012-2013 Budget Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Budget Debate and Approval</i></li> </ul> 2:30 – 3:40 <b>Information and Decision Items (continued)</b> 3:40 – 4:00 Break 4:00 – 5:30 <b>Information and Decision Items (continued as required)</b>	
	7:30 <b>Trustee Roundtable/ Local Trust Committee Updates</b>		

\*\* Members of the public are invited to attend all sessions except any closed meeting and meals.