

## **Pender Post Report June 1 2013**

The North Pender Local Trust Committee(LTC) met at the Pender Island Community Hall on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was chaired by Peter Luckham and Local Trustees and planning staff were in attendance.

There were no applications on the agenda although there were three bylaw amendments for final adoption and two other LTC projects on the agenda. There were a number of other items of interest to the community including BC Hydro upgrades and mineral claim developments.

### **Correspondence**

There were two pieces of correspondence received by the LTC. The first was a copy of a letter to Islands Trust legal counsel from the Pender Island Accommodation Association. No action was taken.

The second letter was from the Pender Island Conservancy concerning shoreline education work. This correspondence was referred to a later agenda item dealing with the LTC's Shoreline Education Project.

### **Referrals**

Planning staff advised the LTC that the CRD is currently reviewing its solid waste management bylaw and asked if the LTC would like to be included in the review. After some discussion the LTC, by resolution, decided to write to the CRD Director asking if the Islands Trust could participate in the review. The letter to the CRD was subsequently sent and can be viewed on the North Pender page at the Islands Trust website [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca).

### **Bylaws**

Bylaw 189 (A Bylaw To Amend North Pender Associated Islands Official Community Plan Bylaw No 147) was given final adoption by the LTC.

Bylaw 187 (A Bylaw To Amend North Pender Associated Islands Land Use Bylaw No 187) was also given final adoption by the Local Trust Committee.

These two bylaws made amendments that applied only to Sidney Island and are available on the Islands Trust website.

Bylaw No. 192 (A Bylaw To Amend North Pender Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 171, 2007) was given final approval by the LTC. The bylaw added new mapping to the OCP indicating road designations for cyclists, walkers and horses and registering the car stop locations. These bylaw changes were recommended to the LTC by the Moving Around Pender Society (MAPS) and the LTC expressed their gratitude for continuing work of these community volunteers.

### **LTC Projects**

The Local Trust Committee considered its response to Parks Canada on areas to be excluded from the proposed National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA). Although this is a complex matter, in a very preliminary stage of consideration, there are a number of inconsistencies around exclusions in the NMCA. The LTC discussion identified the inconsistencies and recommended that the NMCA start with no exclusions on public docks and marinas. Considerable thought needs to be focused on a rationale for

exclusions and this would likely take place if the NMCA proposition were to proceed to the next stage.

The LTC directed staff to begin work on a Shoreline Education program which would develop information material for waterfront property owners, the community at large and school children. The program will produce the necessary materials and begin an outreach phase to make sure the information is available to all. The Pender Island Conservancy has been holding a series of informational seminars and asked that the LTC remind people of an excellent opportunity on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Medicine Beach, retired DFO biologist Rick Harbo will present “From Whelks to Whales”. The presentation will amaze you as to intertidal marine life and near shore ecosystem processes. It takes place from 1 PM to 3 PM. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

### **Other Issues**

A lengthy discussion on the 'mining situation' took place. Please see the full page report in this issue of the Pender Post.

Information on Renewable Energy Technologies – Ocean Based Geo-Exchange Systems was received. The report contains a good overview and a host of specific technical information. It is available on the North Pender page of the Islands Trust website.

The LTC discussed the information on BC Hydro's work to upgrade the submarine cable to North Pender. The Local Trustees have visited several of the possible locations and make eel grass and other mapping available to BC Hydro. This work is in a preliminary stage and the LTC did not make a final recommendation to Hydro.

Local Trustees also reported on the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities convention and the successful visit of our Lieutenant- Governor Judith Guichon.

### **Future Meetings**

Regular North Pender LTC meetings are scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45 AM at the Community Hall and June 27<sup>th</sup> at the same time and location. All Islands Trust meetings are open to the public.