



# News Release

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## **September Trust Council Program Announced**

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting September 10-12, 2013 on Lasqueti Island. The public meeting starts Tuesday, September 10 at 1:00 pm and is expected to finish by 10:30 am on Thursday, September 12.

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, September 11. 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 Wednesday August 21, 2013. Guidelines for making a presentation to Council are available at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/council-meetings/talk-to-council/tips-addressing-council.aspx>. 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 by September 3.

**Trust Council Sessions** will include:

**Advocacy Policy/Program Session** – Trustees will receive an overview of the Islands Trust Advocacy Policy and will discuss the current advocacy program and priority topics.

**Refresher on Administrative Fairness in Application Processes** – Trustees will review guidelines for ensuring that applications are processed in a fair way.

**Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy** – Trustees will receive a high level overview about what the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* is and what it does and give example of situations that trustees may encounter while serving as elected officials.

**Oil Spill and Shipping Advocacy Presentation** – Chair Malcolmson will present an overview of Trust Council's past advocacy about oil spill, shipping, and tanker issues.

**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.

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: September 10-12, 2013 Trust Council agenda program*

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## September 2013 Islands Trust Council Agenda Program

Location: Lasqueti Island Community Hall

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	Tuesday, September 10	Wednesday, September 11	Thursday, September 12
<b>A.M.</b>		8:30 – 9:30 <b>Closed Session*</b> • <i>CAO Report</i> • <i>Litigation Update</i>  9:30 – 10:15 <b>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy</b>  10:15 – 10:45 Break  10:45 – 12:00 <b>Refresher on Administrative Fairness in Application Processes</b>	8:30 – 10:30 <b>Trustee Group Discussions</b>  10:30 Meeting Adjourned
<b>P.M.</b>	1:00 <b>Call to Order/ Notice of New Items</b>  1:05 – 1:30 <b>Community Presentation</b>  1:30 – 3:00 <b>Advocacy Policy/Program Session</b>  3:00 – 3:30 Break  3:30 – 5:30 <b>Decisions and Information Items</b>	12:00 – 1:30 Lunch and Island Trip  1:30 – 1:35 <b>Community Stewardship Award Presentation</b>  1:35 – 2:30 <b>Delegations and Town Hall</b>  2:30 – 3:00 <b>Oil Spill and Shipping Advocacy Presentation</b>  3:00 – 3:30 Break  3:30 – 5:30 <b>Decision and Information Items</b>	-

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