

Galiano Island Local Trust Committee
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On June 10th, the Galiano Local Trust Committee (LTC) met at the North End Hall. Eight people were in attendance.

At the Town Hall, speakers commented on an application to rezone a property to Community Housing and allow for 20 affordable houses on a ten-acre parcel beside Page Drive.

A Community Information meeting and Public Hearing were held for proposed **Bylaw 240** which addresses Sign and Home Occupation regulations. It would also permit small animal husbandry in residential zones. Details can be found on the Islands Trust webpage for Galiano. The bylaw was given third reading and forwarded to the Trust Executive for approval.

A delegation was heard from Islands Trust Fund representative Kate Emmings requesting funding for an **eelgrass mapping project for Galiano**. Mapping has already been done around five other Trust islands and Galiano Island is scheduled next. Eelgrass is critical near shore habitat for birds, mammals, invertebrates as well as fisheries both commercial and recreational. Baseline mapping of these sensitive areas helps inform land use decisions and monitoring. Data will be collected using a towed underwater camera which provides more accurate and complete data. The LTC authorized the expenditure of \$1000 to help with funding of this eelgrass mapping project. Work is scheduled to be completed this year.

Draft **Bylaw 241** was discussed. This bylaw addresses issues raised around using sawmills on residential property. Trustees approved of suggested language for temporary sawmilling. This bylaw also addresses the question of contractor yards as a permitted use, an issue that came to the LTC as the result of a bylaw complaint. The Land Use Bylaw (LUB) does not mention contractor yards on residential properties even though such use has occurred for decades. Discussion centered around where to add contractor yards to the LUB and how best to regulate the use. Discussion will continue at the July meeting. In the meantime, your ideas are welcome. Please let us know.

Draft **Bylaws 242 and 243** were considered. These bylaws offer an increase in the size of a cottage from 60 sq. m. (646 sq. ft.) to 69.7 sq. m. (750 sq. ft.). The bylaws were sent to the Advisory Planning Committee for comment. The APC was also asked to review recommendations from the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Islands Trust Council was held on Mayne Island from June 11 to 13. A bylaw was presented to Council for consideration about delegating certain powers to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (SSILTC). This bylaw allows SSILTC to coordinate the work of all agencies working to improve and protect water resources on their island with an initial focus on the St. Mary Lake watershed. Three readings were given to the bylaw with a fourth to be considered later in June.

Representatives from Kinder Morgan spoke to Trust Council about the proposal to twin their pipeline to increase the flow of bitumen from 300,000 barrels to 890,000 barrels per day. This would result in over 400 tankers a year travelling across the Salish Sea. Protestors were present to hear the message. Neither Trustees nor protestors were convinced that the Trust area should be subjected to any risk because of the project.

The next meeting of the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will be on **July 15th 12:30 South Community Hall**

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