



# News Release

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## **December Trust Council Program Announced**

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting December 3-5, 2013 in Victoria, and invites members of the public to participate and observe.

The 26-member Council makes decisions about overall policy and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect the islands. Islands Trust Council does not make local land use decisions, which are the responsibility of the local trustees within their respective local trust areas. 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 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 4. The public is invited to discuss issues, ask questions and make suggestions about the work of the Islands Trust Council.

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 November 14, 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>. The public meeting starts Tuesday, December 3 at 11:00 am and is expected to finish by 11:30 am on Thursday, December 5. The agenda package for the December Trust Council meeting will be available for viewing on the Islands Trust website and at our Gabriola, Salt Spring and Victoria offices by November 25.

**Trust Council Sessions** will include:

**Economic Sustainability** – This session will provide a unique opportunity for Regional District electoral area directors, who have responsibility for economic development in the Trust Area, to share effective, appropriate and sustainable economic development models that relate to island communities.

**Invasive Species** – Rachelle McElroy of the Coastal Invasive Species Committee will present on invasive species issues in the islands, focusing on high-priority invasive plants and strategies for management.

**Strategic Plan Review** – Trust Council will review its strategic plan for the 2011-2014 term and identify any new initiatives that should be considered as it develops its next annual budget.

**2014-2015 Draft Budget** – This session will provide an overview of the Islands Trust budget process, the base budget, potential new programs and revenue requirements, and will prepare trustees for decisions regarding the 2014-2015 budget that they will make at the March 2014 Trust Council meeting.

**Bylaw Enforcement Best Practices** – Staff will provide an overview of how local trust committees are served by the bylaw enforcement office including communication and policy development, how the Bylaw Enforcement Notification System (BENS) works and answer questions generally.

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: December 3-5, 2013 Trust Council agenda program*

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Preserving **island** communities, culture and environment

Bowen, Denman, Hornby, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis



# December 2013 Islands Trust Council Agenda Program

Meeting Location: Harbour Towers Hotel – West Ballroom  
345 Quebec Street, Victoria BC

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	Tuesday, December 3	Wednesday, December 4	Thursday, December 5
<b>A.M.</b>	<p>11:00 – 12:15 <b>Economic Sustainability Workshop</b></p>	<p>8:30 – 10:00 <b>2014-2015 Draft Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Budget Process</i></li> <li>• <i>Initial Review</i></li> </ul> <p>10:00 – 10:30 Break</p> <p>10:30 - 12:00 <b>Decision and Information Items</b></p>	<p>8:30 – 10:00 <b>Decision and Information Items</b></p> <p>10:00 – 10:30 Break</p> <p>10:30 – 11:30 <b>Bylaw Enforcement Best Practices</b></p> <p>11:30 Meeting adjourned (approx.)</p>
<b>P.M.</b>	<p>12:15 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 3:00 <b>Economic Sustainability Workshop</b> – continued</p> <p>3:00 – 3:30 Networking Break</p> <p>3:30 <b>Call to Order/Notice of New Items</b></p> <p>3:35 – 4:30 <b>Invasive Species</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Strategies for Management</i></li> </ul> <p>4:30 – 5:15 <b>Strategic Plan Review</b></p>	<p>12:00 – 1:00 Staff Recognition Awards/Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 2:00 <b>Delegations &amp; Town Hall</b></p> <p>2:00 – 3:15 <b>Decision and Information Items</b></p> <p>3:15 – 3:45 Break</p> <p>3:45 – 4:45 <b>**Closed Meeting**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Litigation Update</i></li> </ul>	

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