

Galiano Island Local Trust Committee

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The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) met February 13, 2014 at the South Community Hall.

At the town hall session there were question asked about **contractor yards** and why this subject was no longer included in bylaw 241. Trustees responded that the bylaw needed more review. Contractors provide a valuable service to the island, yet impacts of contractor yards on residential neighbourhoods must also be considered. Contractor yards are permitted in the Light Industrial zone but there are few of these properties on Galiano. Contractors have traditionally stored their equipment on residential properties, but there are questions: Is this an appropriate use in a residential neighbourhood? Should the use be regulated? How much of a residential property should be used for storage? What is the impact on the neighbours? How is groundwater protected? Would temporary use permits be a helpful tool?

The LTC received around one hundred letters in support of Galiano contractors, and as a result the LTC elected to add **Contractors Home Based** (rather than Contractors Yards) as a top work priority. We requested that staff review all the issues and report back with recommendations.

A Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing were held for **Bylaw 241** which was about **temporary sawmilling** on residential lots. This bylaw clarifies that sawmilling on residential lots is to be temporary, that the lumber produced is for use by the lot owner, and that hours of operation are restricted. Bylaw 241 was amended by removing some Saturday restrictions, then given third reading and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

The online survey consulting the community about **Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVRs)** is over. Results will be presented at a Community Information Meeting on March 8, 2014 in the Lions Hall at 1pm. This is another opportunity for expression of views on the topic.

A recommendation of the Official Community Plan review was to evaluate the existing **Elevated Groundwater Catchment Development Permit Area 4 (DPA)**. In 2011, Waterline Resources Inc. were contracted to complete a Groundwater Study for Galiano, and in 2012 a follow-up report provided recommendations for possible amendments to the DPA. Planner Nichols reviewed both documents in a report to the committee. The LTC directed staff to revise the existing DPA 4 based on a combination of the Waterline report and the planner report with the overall intent to improve the existing groundwater DPA.

Eelgrass Mapping for the Galiano Local Trust area was completed in December 2013. At the meeting, Kate Emmings, Ecosystem Protection Specialist for the Islands Trust Fund, presented a report with accompanying maps. Recommendations for protecting these areas were included. Approximately 16.7% of the Galiano shoreline has eelgrass present; associated islands have approximately 20%.

March 3, 2014	Local Trust Committee Meeting	South Hall	12:30 pm
March 8, 2014	Community Information Meeting (STVRs)	Lions Hall	1:00 pm



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