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March Islands Trust Council Program Announced

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting March 4-6, 2014 on Hornby Island, 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 11:05 am, Wednesday, March 5. 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; fax: 250.405.5155) by Thursday, February 13, 2014. 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, March 4 at 1:30 pm and is expected to finish by 10:15 am on Thursday, March 6. The agenda package for the March Trust Council meeting will be available for viewing on the Islands Trust website and at our Gabriola, Salt Spring and Victoria offices by February 24.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

2014-2015 Budget – Trustees will review and discuss the draft budget for Council's core operations and potential projects. Trustees will consider the public input received and discuss options for amending the draft budget. Council will then finalize and approve the Islands Trust's 2014-2015 budget and consider its annual Financial Plan Bylaw. More details are available at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/budget.aspx>.

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: March 4-6, 2014 Trust Council agenda program

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



March 2014 Islands Trust Council Agenda Program

Location: Hornby Island Community Hall – Central Road

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	Tuesday, March 4	Wednesday, March 5	Thursday, March 6
A.M.		8:30 - 10:15 Decision and Information Items 10:15 – 10:45 Break 10:45 – 11:05 Community Presentation 11:05 – 12:00 Delegations and Town Hall (3)	8:30 – 10:15 ** Closed Meeting** (5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CAO Update/Personnel matters</i> • <i>Litigation Update</i> • <i>LTC Powers, Resources & Expenditures</i> • <i>Aquaculture Jurisdiction</i>
P.M.	1:30 Call to Order/Notice of New Items 1:35 – 3:30 Decision and Information Items (1) 3:30 – 4:00 Break 4:00 – 5:30 2014/15 Budget Overview (2)	12:00 – 12:45 Lunch 12:45 – 1:30 BC Treaty Negotiations (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation 1:30 – 3:10 ** Closed Meeting** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Treaty Negotiations Status Update 3:15 – 3:45 Break 3:45 Final Notice of New Items 3:50 – 5:00 2014/15 Budget Decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Surplus (Reserves)</i> • <i>Budget Debate and Approval</i> 5:00 - 5:30 Decision and Information Items (as required)	

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