

SOUTH PENDER LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

JUNE 2014 TRUSTEES REPORT

Focus Groups update for LUB Review:

The community's work on the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) review is currently underway on South Pender Island. The comprehensive review work has been distributed among 3 focus groups, with 8 meetings scheduled between April 30th and June 11th. So far, 6 meetings have been held.

When these scheduled meetings are complete, focus group chairs are tasked with organizing issues, comments, and suggestions into a preliminary report for the Local Trust Committee, due June 16th, just ahead of the June 24th LTC meeting. The preliminary report may indicate the need for additional focus group meetings, and the review process is not being rushed. The goal is to take the time needed for a holistic and comprehensive review that incorporates meaningful community participation. The community's work will help to update a Land Use Bylaw that is more than 10 years old. Of this series of scheduled focus group meetings, only 2 remain. For those South Pender residents and landowners who wish to join us, the following meetings will take place at the SPI Fire Hall:

June 7 at 10 AM (Group 3: LUB sections 3, 6 and 7)

June 11 at 7 PM (Group 2: LUB sections 4 and 5)

If you cannot attend but would like to offer ideas and comments, you can send a message to the chair of the relevant LUB section. To receive past focus group meeting notes, please contact the chairs. The 3 LUB focus groups, including chairs and their contact information follows:

Group 1. Gordie Duncan chairs the focus group for LUB sections 1, 2 and 8 (Interpretation, Administration and Regulations)

Contact - phone: 250-629-9966/ email: spifocus1@hotmail.com

Group 2. Paul Petrie chairs the focus group for LUB sections 4 and 5 (Zoning and Zoning Regulations)

Contact - phone: 250-629-3419/ email: pmpetrie@shaw.ca

Group 3. Ron Henshaw chairs the focus group for LUB sections 3, 6 and 7 (General Regulations, Sign and Parking Regulations)

Contact - phone: 250-217-7966/ email: ronhenshaw2003@yahoo.ca

Trust Council on Saturna Island (June 18 - 19)

Saturna Island will host the Trust Council quarterly business meeting on June 18 and 19. The agenda includes an update by Peter Arcese (University of British Columbia) on the Coastal Douglas Fir Zone Conservation Action Plan, a session with March Klaver, Regional Manager on Fisheries and Oceans Canada Aquaculture Resource Management, and a Dialogue with San Juan County Council Members on common interests, such as

shoreline protection, economic development, shellfish aquaculture and ferries. Among other business items, Council will decide on the recipients of the 2014 annual Community Stewardship Awards.

The Town Hall session is scheduled for Thursday, the 19th, at 1 PM and will include a delegation from South Pender's Advisory Planning Commission (APC). With APC bylaw currently being reviewed by the Trust-wide Local Planning Committee and a draft model APC bylaw being prepared for Trust Council, it is important to hear from APCs on how contemplated rule changes will impact their functioning and effectiveness. Most LTCs rely quite heavily on their Advisory Planning Commissions to provide a range of community perspectives and group deliberations on upcoming LTC decisions. They can offer feedback and recommendations to Trustees on decisions that will impact their communities. More information on the Saturna Island Trust Council agenda and schedule are available at the Islands Trust homepage: islands.trust.bc.ca

Update on Boat Speed Enforcement at the Pender Canal

IT'S OFFICIAL - new regulation boat speed signs are now installed at the bridge. Some folks are wondering why the new signs indicate 10 km/hr. instead of 5 knots. Here's why: Transport Canada regulates boat speed signage and, to facilitate enforcement, speed signs must be uniform and conform to their regulations. The new signs were funded by Islands Trust, installed with the help of local RCMP, local firefighters and Coast Guard Auxiliary. Our thanks to all who collaborated on this project. Saturday, May 17th, marked the launch of local RCMP's "Speed Watch on the Water" program, the first in all of BC, with trained volunteer speed monitors positioned near the bridge to inform and alert boaters about the speed limit. Reducing boat speed at the bridge protects kayakers and other non-motorized boat users who may be present when motorized vessels pass through the canal. It also reduces erosion of the shoreline and ensuing damage to the sensitive archaeological site on the North Pender shoreline.

South Pender's next LTC meeting is scheduled for June 24th at 10 AM at the South Pender Fire Hall on Gowlland Point Road. We hope you'll join us.

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