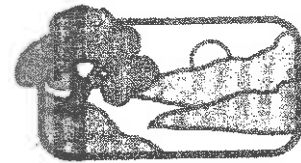


# Trustee Notebook

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## Islands Trust

### Staying Informed

Want to know what's going on with your local government? The Islands Trust works hard to remain accessible. Here's some of the ways to get your questions answered and to stay informed.

**1) Visit the Islands Trust website:** [islandstrust.bc.ca/](http://islandstrust.bc.ca/)  
The home page has a "what's new" column, links to maps, a "contact us" button and links to specific islands via an interactive map. You can use the website search engine to look up documents (for instance, our Official Community Plan, census data, guidelines for water conservation, Islands Trust commentary on pipelines, a report on wind turbines, etc), get application forms, or see what turns up under your topic of choice.

The **Denman Island page** of the website has the local meeting schedule, meeting minutes and agendas, and info on what the Denman LTC is currently working on

**2) Sign up for e-newsletters.** Right in the middle of the website you will see "subscriber options" which will let you sign up for e-newsletters alerting you to upcoming local meetings or telling you what the Trust Council Chair has been up to on our behalf.

**3) Contact Trust staff.** Staff can answer a myriad of questions ranging from "How far away should my neighbour's house be from our lot line?" to "I'm part of a group that wants to create an affordable housing project – how can we do that?" and more.

**4) Make an appointment with a Trust Planner.** If you have something to talk about that warrants a site visit and/or a sit-down conversation, you can arrange a visit from a Planner.

**5) Talk to a Local Trustee** – that would be myself or Trustee David Graham. You can email or call us or drop by our "office hours" held every other Saturday in the Old School (check Grapevine Calendar, back page of Flagstone or Trust website for dates). We can answer your

questions, or pass you on to the person who can, and we like to hear ideas and opinions. Note that one Trustee can NOT promise that your rezoning/variance/project will get the green light – this has to be done by the whole Local Trust Committee at a public meeting.

You can also **email or phone us**. I don't mind getting your phone call or having you button-hole in the General Store, but really appreciate if you begin by asking, "Is this a good time to talk?"

**6) Read local media:** I write this column, and Trustee David Graham reports on our regular business meetings in the Grapevine, providing you with a quick and (we hope) easy way to keep up.

**7) Attend our meetings:** You might be surprised to find they can be interesting, even dramatic. And as well as listening, you are invited to speak up about whatever relevant topic is on your mind during our Town Hall sessions. Check Island bulletin boards or the website for dates.

### Contact info

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