

Pender Post Report

The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) met on June 26th, 2014 at the Community Hall. The meeting was chaired by Trustee Peter Luckham of Thetis Island with Local Trustees Ken Hancock and Gary Steeves in attendance. Staff attending were Regional Planning Manager Robert Kojima, Island Planner Justine Starke and Recording Secretary Zorah Staar.

Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing.

The LTC convened a Community Information Meeting (CIM) followed by a Public Hearing on proposed Bylaws 195 & 197. The bylaws propose to amend the Official Community Plan (OCP) and the North Pender Land Use Bylaw as they apply to a large parcel of land currently split zoned rural and agricultural. If adopted, the bylaw changes would limit density to two dwellings and two cottages; retain a significant farm operation; prohibit any future subdivision and place nearly 25 acres into a newly created nature conservation zone governed by a full conservation covenant held by the Trust Fund Board. Note that all the Staff Reports and Professional Reports required in the process are available on the Islands Trust website (www.islandstrust.bc.ca go to "North Pender Local Trust Area" then click on "Applications")

Following the formal Public Hearing, the LTC gave second and third reading to both proposed bylaws 195 & 197 and sent both bylaws to the Islands Trust Executive Committee for approval. The proposed OCP amendments contained in proposed Bylaw 195 were forwarded to the Minister of Community Sport & Cultural Development for approval. If the Minister and the Executive Committee of the Trust approve of the bylaws, 195 & 197 will come back to the LTC for final consideration.

Other Applications

Two other applications were dealt with by the LTC. The first was an application to rezone a one acre industrial parcel of land. The LTC reviewed the Staff Report and directed staff to make some changes to the draft bylaw produced by planning staff for LTC consideration. The LTC did not give first reading to the draft bylaw and directed the staff and applicant to produce further information for the committee. The timetable contained in the Staff Report was not endorsed and further consideration of the matter will take place after the LTC has received the additional information requested by the Trustees.

The second application was for the renewal/extension of an existing Temporary Use Permit (TUP). The Committee reviewed the application and granted the extension of the TUP for three years.

Please note all information on all applications is available on the North Pender page of the Islands Trust website. In fact, all documents considered or tabled with the LTC are on the webpage. These include the Minutes of the May 22nd 2014 LTC meeting, the Follow-up Action Report, the Work Program Report, the Applications Report and the Expense & Budget Report.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the North Pender LTC is scheduled for August 28th at the Community Hall. The meeting begins at 9:45 AM upstairs in the Hall and is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Respectfully submitted
Ken Hancock & Gary Steeves

