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Announcing the December 2014 Trust Council Program

VICTORIA - The new Islands Trust Council, to be elected November 15, will hold its first quarterly business meeting December 3-5, 2014. Members of the public are invited to participate and observe the meeting at the Harbour Towers Hotel in Victoria, BC.

The 26-member council makes decisions about overall policy and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold a provincial mandate to preserve and protect the unique amenities and environment of the Islands Trust Area. It does not make local land use decisions, which are the responsibility of locally-based trust committees and the Bowen Island Municipal Council.

Information about the November 15 election, including details about candidates and voting procedures, can be viewed at the [Islands Trust website](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) at www.islandstrust.bc.ca. Election results will be posted there as they are determined on November 15.

The Islands Trust Council invites members of the public to participate in a town hall session in Victoria, a regular forum to promote dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 5, 2014. 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 by sending 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, November 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 business meeting starts Wednesday, December 3 at 8:30 a.m. and is expected to finish the afternoon of Friday, December 5. The agenda package for the December Trust Council meeting will be available for viewing by November 24 on the Islands Trust website and at Islands Trust offices in Victoria and on Gabriola and Salt Spring islands.

On the evening of December 2, newly-elected trustees will take an oath of office, as required by the *Local Government Act*. The inaugural meeting of the 2014-2018 term of Trust Council will begin the next day, to orient new trustees and refresh returning trustees. Topics will include:

- **The Big Picture: An Overview of the Islands Trust** - An orientation and refresher about the legislative authority of the Islands Trust, its organizational structure and the role of trustees and staff.
- **Trust Council Roundtable - What's Important?** - Trustees will discuss why they ran for office and have an initial discussion about priorities for the coming term.
- **Trust Area Services** - An introduction to Trust Council's policies, programs and the staff that serve the entire Trust Area.
- **Islands Trust Fund** - An introduction to the regional land trust within the Islands Trust and its success stories.
- **Administrative Services and Human Resources** - An introduction and review of financial management, procurement and human resources at the Islands Trust.
- **Staying Out of Trouble** - An overview of the standards of conduct required of local government officials.
- **Budget Session** - An overview of the Islands Trust budget process, potential new programs and revenue requirements. This session will prepare trustees for the decisions regarding the 2015/16 budget that they will make at the March 2015 Trust Council meeting.
- **Local Planning Services** - An overview of Local Planning Services and an introduction to the departments that provide land use planning, bylaw enforcement and mapping services for local trust committees and island communities.

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- **Making Fair Decisions** - Trustees will review the essential elements of fair decision-making, particularly as it pertains to land use applications.
- **Election of the Islands Trust Council Chair and Vice-Chairs** – Following presentations and questions of candidates on the afternoon of December 4, trustees will nominate and elect those who will serve on the Executive Committee on December 5. Trustees will also elect Trust Council’s representatives on the Trust Fund Board.

Trust Council will also consider other routine business items that may arise before its December meeting.

The Islands Trust is a federation of local government bodies representing approximately 25,600 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property-owners. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

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Attached: December 3-5, 2014 Trust Council agenda program

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December 2014 Islands Trust Council Agenda Program

Location: **West Harbour Ballroom (unless otherwise noted)**
Harbour Towers Hotel, 345 Quebec Street, Victoria BC

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	Wednesday, December 3	Thursday, December 4	Friday, December 5
Morning	8:30 – 9:00 Chair’s Welcome Remarks/ Introductions 9:00 – 10:00 The Big Picture: An Overview of the Islands Trust (Session 1) 10:00– 10:20 Break 10:20 – 10:30 Notice of Elections and Intent for Executive Committee and Trust Fund Board Positions 10:30 – 11:30 Trust Area Services (Session 2) 11:30 – 12:15 Islands Trust Fund (Session 3)	8:30 – 10:25 Staying Out of Trouble (Session 8) 10:25 – 10:45 Break 10:45 – 12:15 Making Fair Decisions (Session 9)	8:30 – 9:30 Executive Committee and Trust Fund Board Elections (Session 12) 9:30 – 9:50 Break 9:50 – 10:30 Draft 2015-16 Budget (Session 13) 10:30 – 11:15 Delegations and Town Hall (Session 14) 11:15 – 12:00 Information and Decision Items (Session 15)
Afternoon	12:15 – 1:00 Lunch 1:00 – 2:30 Council Roundtable – What’s Important? (Session 4) 2:30 - 3:00 – 3:30 Break 3:00 – 3:45 Administrative Services (Session 5) 3:45 – 4:00 Human Resources (Session 6) 4:00 – 4:45 **Closed Session** (Session 7)	12:15 – 1:00 Lunch 1:00 – 3:00 Local Planning Services (Session 10) 3:00 – 3:30 Break 3:30 – 5:30 Executive Committee/ Trust Fund Board Candidate Presentations and Questions from Trustees (Session 11)	12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch and Executive Committee Meeting 1:00 – 1:30 Information and Decision Items – as required 1:30 – 2:00 Closing Remarks 2:00 <i>Meeting Adjourned (approx.)</i>

Members of the public are invited to attend all sessions except meals, those marked ** ... ** and/or otherwise noted.