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March Islands Trust Council Program Announced

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting March 10-12, 2015 on Gabriola 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 9:30 am on Wednesday, March 11. The public is invited to 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 Jas Chonk (email: jchonk@islandstrust.bc.ca; fax: 250.405.5155) by Wednesday, February 18. Guidelines for presentations to Council are at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/council-meetings/talk-to-council/tips-addressing-council.aspx>. The public meeting starts Tuesday, March 10 at 1:10 pm and is expected to finish by 11:45 am on Thursday, March 12. The agenda package for the meeting will be posted on the Islands Trust website by March 2.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

2015-2016 Budget – Trustees will review and discuss the draft budget for Council's core operations and potential projects. Trustees will consider the public input received before finalizing and approving the Islands Trust's 2015-2016 budget and its annual Financial Plan Bylaw. More details about the budget and opportunities for input are available at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/budget.aspx>.

Strategic Planning – Trustees will review Trust Council's process for development of its strategic plan and begin to identify priority objectives for the 2014-2018 term. Strategic plan decisions will take place after further consultation.

Community Planning 101 – This session, aimed at newly-elected trustees, will introduce community planning principles to trustees and support them in making decisions about land use applications in their island communities.

Working with First Nations – Trustees will review information about the 31 First Nations that have interests in the Islands Trust Area. They will consider how and why all bodies of the Islands Trust engage with First Nations before making decisions and the emerging issues that influence relationships with First Nations.

Delegations and Town Hall – Trust Council will invite members of the public to present their federation-wide concerns to trustees. The public is invited to 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.

Closed Sessions – In closed sessions, trustees will receive information on a number of items related to litigation, personnel matters, legal advice and preliminary provincial initiatives.

The Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies representing 25,000 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: March 10-12, 2015 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 2015 Islands Trust Council Agenda Program

Meetings: The Haven – Auditorium (unless otherwise indicated)
240 Davis Road, Gabriola Island

Feb 6/15

	Tuesday, March 10	Wednesday, March 11	Thursday, March 12
A.M.	<p>9:00 – 11:00 Community Planning 101 Orientation and Refresher Session - Heron Building</p> <p>11:00 – 12:00 iPad and Escribe workshop - Heron Building</p>	<p>8:30 – 9:30 Decision and Information Items (3)</p> <p>9:30 – 10:30 Delegations and Town Hall (4)</p> <p>10:30 – 11:00 Break</p> <p>11:00 – 12:00 Working with First Nations</p>	<p>8:30 – 11:45 **Closed Meeting** (7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CAO Session</i> • <i>Litigation Update</i> • <i>Legal Session – Conflict of Interest</i> <p>10:00 – 10:30 Break</p> <p>11:45 Meeting adjourned (approx)</p>
P.M.	<p>12:15 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:10 Call to Order/Notice of New Items</p> <p>1:15 – 2:30 2015/16 Budget Overview (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue & Expenses • Salaries and Staffing <p>2:30 – 3:00 Break</p> <p>3:00 – 5:00 ** Closed Meeting** (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with provincial staff 	<p>12:00 – 12:55 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 Community Presentation (TBD)</p> <p>1:30 – 2:30 2015/16 Budget Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Budget Debate and Approval (5)</i> <p>2:30 – 3:00 Break</p> <p>3:00 – 4:00 Decision and Information Items (continued as required)</p> <p>4:00 – 5:00 Intro to Strategic Planning (6)</p>	

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