

Trustees' Report – March 2015

RAR Community Information Meeting

As most of you are aware, the provincial government have required Hornby Island and other Islands Trust members to include Riparian Area Regulations in their Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw to protect fish habitat. Beulah and Ford Creek, are two examples of the many tributaries on Hornby that are recognized as fish friendly and environmentally sensitive. After robust consultation in the spring and input from four open houses last summer to review the RAR mapping we then prepared our draft bylaws.

The Community Information Meeting, Friday, March 6, at the Community Hall is one more opportunity to learn about and discuss the implementation of riparian protection on Hornby Island. Doors will open at 1 pm and planning staff will begin a presentation at 1:30 pm and will stay on to answer your questions or address your concerns until 4:30 pm.

Projects for this Term (2015-2018)

At our first LTC meeting on February 13 we brainstormed a list of topics for our work program this term. We had hoped to receive suggestions from the community (thank you HICEEC for your comments), but we recognize that this time of year can be rather well, lethargic. We are exploring various avenues in communicating and engaging you all. In fact, one of our priorities is to look at how to improve community engagement and public input. We also realize that we need to hear your voices at the beginning rather the end of LTC projects, for us to effectively address your concerns. And the revised OCP LUB (once adopted) needs to be presented in a Cole Notes format, highlighting common concerns, such as best practices around issues on shoreline protection and land development.

At our March meeting, we will be fine-tuning our list of work projects for our term. We are still interested in hearing ideas from you all so please send them to us, your Local Trust Committee sooner rather than later so they can be placed onto our LTC meeting agenda.

The next LTC meeting will take place on Friday, March 27, at Room to Grow at 11:30 am. As always, there will be a Town Hall session soon after the meeting starts which gives you an opportunity to rant or rave or none the above.

March Trust Council Meeting

Trust Council will have its first official (December is orientation) quarterly meeting on Gabriola Island on March 10-12. A key issue will be finalizing the budget for 2015-16, which will include consideration of public input and strategic planning for the term.

Trustee Assignments

Trustee Alex Allen has been appointed to the Denman-Hornby Ferry Advisory Committee to represent our LTC. Trustee Tony Law has been elected as Chair of the Trust Fund Board (the conservation land trust for Canada's islands in the Salish Sea).

LTC Meeting 11:30 am Friday, March 27 Room to Grow.

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