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PENDER RESIDENTS INVITED TO IMAGINE AN AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

NORTH PENDER – The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee is inviting residents from all age groups and backgrounds to participate in a workshop to develop a vision for a community that allows people to live, work and age in place.

“The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee is dedicated to working with individuals, agencies, organizations and governments to support or undertake efforts that would allow seniors to remain in their own homes as long as possible,” said Dianne Barber, a North Pender Island local trustee. “As a resident and as a trustee, I am keen to pursue a range of housing and community options that serve the needs of all residents and property owners, today and for the future. I want to imagine an island where I can enjoy my current lifestyle with my grandchildren, and which they in turn can enjoy with their own grandchildren.”

The facilitated workshop will discuss the population demographics of Pender islands, as well as the trends and current services for seniors on the islands. The discussion will also include the challenges and opportunities for housing, mobility issues, community support and health services, outdoor spaces, as well as social aspects of inclusion, value and respect.

The workshop is open to both North and South Pender island residents, community leaders, service providers and individuals over age 55 who have an interest in age-friendly communities.

“We believe that the best decisions are made when we engage our community - the people who are interested and may be impacted by the decisions,” said Derek Masselink, a North Pender Island local trustee. “The workshop is an opportunity for islanders to help create a vision document that we can point to when speaking with health providers, transportation and social service agencies to get support for a community where we and our children and grandchildren can live and thrive for generations to come.”

The details of the workshop are:

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Lunch will be provided)

Location: Community Hall, 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender

RSVP to lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca or 250-405-5163 and let us know whether you can offer a ride or need a ride.

The Islands Trust is a federation of 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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