

Galiano Island Local Trust Report-May 2015

Trustees Sandy Pottle and George Harris

In a rare gathering, the 12 Southern Gulf Islands Trustees, both our CRD directors (SSI & SGI) and the 5 Economic Development Commissioners all met on March 31st in Sidney. Also invited and making presentations and answering questions were the Highways managers, the Public Docks manager, the Hartland managers. Also a special presentation was made by the Mayor of Sidney about a possible foot passenger service to/from Sidney.

The connecting and learning from all those in attendance was important in understanding and improving governance between the many levels of government. Updates on the CRD support of our Recycle Centre, the ongoing challenges of our landfill facility, how Highways functions, the planned Public Docks program and different situations facing these 6 neighbouring islands were addressed. This was an exceptional opportunity facilitated by the Trust regional planner.

The Galiano Island local Trust Committee met at the North End Hall on April 13, 2015. This well attended meeting had the proposed cell tower discussion remaining front and centre. There was also one delegation regarding the tower. The Council continues to receive documents, letters and information regarding the Rogers application. The May 4th LTC meeting at S.E. Hall will continue the process.

All 3 Trust priorities have moved ahead with bylaws to be introduced at the May LTC...contractor yards, secondary suites and cottage size/height. Also draft bylaws for the Galiano Conservancy application re: a Nature Protection Zone will be prepared. There was also discussion on STVR enforcement policy which was referred to the APC.

The Trustees greatly appreciate the high turn-out and involvement of so many islanders. Your next opportunity to be heard at the Local Trust Council is Monday, May 4th S.E. Hall. Hope to see you there.

Office Hours: Trustee Pottle- Tue. and Trustee Harris- Wed. 4-6 pm