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September Islands Trust Council Program Announced

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting September 15-17, 2015 on Bowen Island, and invites members of the public to observe and participate.

The 26-member Council, made up of members from 12 local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality, 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 local trust committees or Bowen Island Municipality within their respective 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 1:30 pm on Wednesday, September 16th. 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, August 19th. [Guidelines for presentations to Council](http://islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/council-meetings/talk-to-council/tips-addressing-council.aspx) are at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/council-meetings/talk-to-council/tips-addressing-council.aspx>. The public meeting starts Tuesday, September 15th at 1:00 pm and is expected to finish by 10:45 am on Thursday, September 17th. The agenda package for the meeting will be posted on the Islands Trust website by September 8th.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

Workshop – Introduction to Structured Decision Making – At the start of their meeting on Tuesday, September 15, Trust Council members will participate in a short workshop about the Structured Decision-Making process, before applying the initial steps in that process to some important organizational decisions.

Workshop – Adaptation Strategy – The Islands Trust Council is beginning development of an Adaptation Strategy, to prepare for the potential incorporation of Salt Spring Island. This workshop will provide Trust Council with a deeper understanding of the potential impacts that incorporation could have on the organization, and an opportunity to identify its objectives, should it need to adapt. Following the initial steps in the Structured Decision-Making process, Trust Council members will also explore some options for responding to a potential Salt Spring Island incorporation.

Workshop – Victoria Office Location Study – At its June meeting, the Islands Trust Council agreed to create a Select Committee that will review the location of the Islands Trust's Victoria Office. In September, Trust Council will consider Terms of Reference for the Select Committee and appoint trustees and staff to it. This workshop will provide Trust Council with an opportunity to discuss the Terms of Reference. Using the initial steps in the Structured Decision-Making process, Council will also have an opportunity to confirm its objectives for the study and to identify some options it wishes the Select Committee to consider.

Joint Session with Bowen Municipal Council – The Islands Trust Council will hold a joint session with Bowen Island Municipal Council to discuss joint initiatives and mutual interests. Topics are expected to include the expansion of the Islands Trust's NAPTEP program to Bowen Island, provincial agreements and advocacy on behalf of islanders in regards to issues related to ferry fares and Howe Sound.

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Bowen, Denman, Hornby, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis

Strategic Planning – The Islands Trust Council has been developing a Strategic Plan for the current term, with public consultation taking place over the summer. This facilitated session will allow Trust Council to consider the public input received and discuss a draft plan, before considering adoption.

Trustee Roundtable – Following their business session, Trust Council will end its meeting on the morning of Thursday, September 17 with an informal Trustee Roundtable, to exchange ideas about common island topics.

Closed Sessions – In closed sessions, trustees will review and consider various matters related to litigation and personnel.

Delegations and Town Hall – On the afternoon of Wednesday, September 16th, 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.

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: September 15-17, 2015 Trust Council agenda program

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September 2015 Islands Trust Council Meeting Program

September 15-17, 2015, Bowen Island

Location: Cates Hill Chapel Hall - 661 Carter Road

July 31/15

	Tuesday, September 15	Wednesday, September 16	Thursday, September 17
AM		8:15 – 9:00 **Closed Meeting** (5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAOHC report and consultation 9:00 – 9:40 Decision and Information Items (6) 9:40 – 10:00 Break 10:00 – 12:00 Strategic Planning (7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review of Input</i> • <i>Review of Draft Strategic Plan</i> 	8:15 – 9:40 Decision and Information Items (6 - cont'd) 9:40 – 10:00 Break 10:00 – 10:45 Trustee Roundtable (9) 10:45 a.m. Meeting Adjourned
PM	12:15 – 1:00 Lunch – Cates Hill Chapel Hall 1:00 Call to Order/Notice of New Items 1:05 – 1:45 Workshop – Introduction to Structured Decision-Making (1) 1:45 – 3:00 Workshop - Adaptation Strategy Objectives and Options (2) 3:00 – 3:30 Break 3:30 – 4:30 Workshop - Terms of Reference for Select Committee re Victoria Office Location Study (3) 4:30 – 5:30 Joint Session with Bowen Municipal Council (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Areas of Mutual Interest</i> 	12:00 – 1:30 Lunch – Cates Hill Chapel Hall 1:30 – 2:30 Delegations/Town Hall Session (8) 2:30 – 4:00 Strategic Planning (7- cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Deliberation on Strategic Plan objectives strategies and activities – to guide budget development</i> 4:00 – 4:30 Break 4:30 – 5:30 Decision and Information Items (6 - cont'd)	

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