

# The Pender Islands Trust Protection Society

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To: North Pender Island Local Trust Committee

Attention: Chair Trustee George Grams; Trustee Derek Masselink; Trustee Dianne Barber

Dear Trustees:

The Pender Islands Trust Society, with the Pender Island Conservancy Association and the Capital Regional District (CRD), are pleased to announce this important & educational Seminar: -

## **Truths and Misconceptions about Pender Islands Groundwater: - Planning for the Future**

**Saturday, October 10 1-4 pm - Pender Islands Community Hall**

**With Dr. Jim Henderson is a Ph. D. geophysicist whose Masters and Ph.D. work involved research on groundwater management on the Pender's.**

**Statement by Dr. Henderson:** - "The same issues exist on all of the Gulf Islands....., it is a mixture of amount of rain, amount of development, lack of conservation, etc.".

As you are aware, the Islands Trust Area and the Southern Gulf Islands in particular are experience continuing dropping levels in the groundwater aquifers which is being exacerbated by the ever increasing summer droughts caused by climate change and land use without preservation of watersheds.

For the benefit of all property owners and for the Islands Trust generally, the Pender Islands Trust Protection Society have partnered with other organizations & concerned citizens to bring Dr. Henderson from Calgary to provide us with needed information and steps that must be adhered to with regards to any type of land use, including, but not limited to, any type of density increase plus the urgent need for protection of all groundwater re-charge watershed areas for the benefit of all species. Serious considerations must be given to human activities which cause changes in the natural hydrology, promotes loss of watersheds and / or the re-charging of aquifers and fresh water bodies that cause negative impacts on groundwater resources.

At this time, with the serious concerns and the need for preservation & protection of all groundwater and fresh water resources, we ask you to fully support this educational seminar with assistance in sending via email circulation notification of encouragement to attend to all islanders & property owners in your Local Trust Committee area and place on the North Pender Island web page (will provide poster for your convenience).

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if further information is required. Thank you for your support.

Yours truly

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