

Galiano Island Local Trust committee Report

Trustees Sandy Pottle and George Harris

The Galiano Island Local trust Committee met on November 2 2015 at the South Galiano Community Hall.

The meeting started as usual with a Town hall session where members of the community have an opportunity to ask questions or address the Local Trust Committee on matters about which they have particular concerns.

Peter Midgley presented a petition to the LTC with the signatures of 480 community members petitioning the trustees to advocate for the improvement of cellular and broadband service in the Trust area. The idea of initiating a Telecommunications Strategy is on the Projects List adopted by the LTC and will be considered at the December meeting as a project the LTC may wish to advance to its Top Priorities.

Cottages, Secondary suites and Contractor Yards

The LTC held a Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing on Bylaws 242 & 243 (cottage size and height), Bylaw 253 (Contractor Yards) and Bylaws 254 & 255 (Secondary Suites). Following the Public hearing the Local Trust Committee voted to amend Bylaw 243 to permit a maximum floor area of 80 square metres (861 square feet).

All of the Bylaws were given third reading and were forwarded to The Executive Committee and the Ministry of Culture Sport and Social development for approval.

If approved these bylaws will permit either a cottage or a secondary suite on lots over 0.4 hectares (1 Acre in size), Cottage height will be permitted to be a maximum of 9 metres in height and Contractor yards will be permitted through a Temporary Use permit. More information about all of these bylaws is available at the Islands Trust website or by contacting Islands Trustees or Islands Trust planning Staff.

Top Priorities

Having completed these three top priorities to the referral to Executive and Ministry stage The LTC is free to adopt three new top priorities at the next LTC meeting on December 7 2015.

Crystal Mountain

At the meeting representatives of the Crystal Mountain gave a presentation regarding their proposed rezoning of two properties at the North end to accommodate a retreat center. The LTC will consider this proposal further at the next meeting of the LTC.

District Lot 79 Rezoning (Landworks)

Further consideration was given to the Rezoning Application for District Lot 79 (Landworks). Staff was requested to provide more information regarding their suggestion of placing development controls on the Forest 3 lot contained within the rezoning proposal. The Galiano Conservancy Association and the Applicants are presently working on a Sustainable Forestry Covenant. Please refer to the Islands Trust website, in particular the Agenda Package for the Dec 7 LTC meeting, for more information on this application.

The next meeting of the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will be held at the South Galiano Community Hall at 12:30 PM on Dec 7 2015.

Office Hours

Trustee Sandy Pottle: Tuesdays 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Trustee George Harris: For December/ January: Appointment only

Planner Kim Farris: December 10 2015 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM