



Islands Trust

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## PRIORITIES

1	PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE ISLANDS TRUST AREA
2	PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ADVOCATE FOR COASTAL SHORELINES AND MARINE AREAS WITHIN THE ISLANDS TRUST AREA
3	REDUCE COMMUNITY ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT
4	PROTECT QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF WATER RESOURCES
5	ENHANCE, PROTECT AND RESTORE COMMUNITY CHARACTER, SOCIO-ECONOMIC DIVERSITY AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY
6	STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH FIRST NATIONS
7	IMPROVE ORGANIZATIONAL COST EFFECTIVENESS AND RESILIENCE
8	IMPROVE CO-OPERATION AND INTEGRATION WITH OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT
9	IMPROVE COMMUNITY AND AGENCY UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE ISLANDS TRUST
10	IMPROVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN ISLANDS TRUST WORK

# Strategic Plan 2014-2018

## Quarterly Update – March 2017

The Islands Trust Council adopted its [Strategic Plan for the 2014-18](#) term at its September 2015 meeting on Bowen Island.

pipeline approval and , re Ocean Protection

### QUARTERLY UPDATE

Trust Council receives quarterly updates on Strategic Plan status, with highlights of successes and significant progress.

#### Objective 5. Enhance community character, socio-economic diversity and economic sustainability

5.5 Select Committee has provided a recommendation to March TC on the relocation of some or all of the Islands Trust Victoria Head Office.

### PROGRESS

#### Objective 1. Protect the natural environment

T.1.5.1 Trust Fund Board approved a land conservation strategy to protect high biodiversity areas.

T.1.5.2 Since December 2014, the Trust Fund Board has protected 44.01 hectares on Salt Spring, N Pender, Galiano, Hornby and Thetis Islands.

T.1.5.3 New 21 hectare Islands Trust Fund nature reserve created on Thetis Island.

#### Objective 6. Strengthen relations with First Nations

Shared terrestrial and nearshore ecosystem mapping with all First Nations in region.

Developed draft Language and Tone Guide for use of staff; developing version for use by trustees and staff.

Twenty-seven First Nations initiatives currently underway, nine of which are trust-wide initiatives, the remainder at the local trust committee level.

#### Objective 2. Preserve, protect and advocate for coastal shorelines and marine areas

- Staff delivered a comprehensive analysis of marine protection tools to December 2016 Trust Council.

- T.2.3.1 The Islands Trust Council Chair sent two letters advocating for shipping safety to the Prime Minister re Transmountain

#### Objective 7. Improve organizational cost effectiveness and resilience

T.7.1 Continued work by Management Team to review and update TC policies and procedures.

T 7.1.1 and .33 A strategic plan process for Information Technology and a review of electronic meetings have been initiated.

## **Objective 8. Improve cooperation and integration with other levels of government**

T.8.1.1 Staff has made progress on revising and consolidating six agreements regarding Crown Land in the Islands Trust Area

## **Objective 9. Improve community understanding and support for the Islands Trust**

T.9.1.1 Staff developing trend charts for greenhouse gases and population growth.

Staff developing visual identity guidelines

## **Objective 10. Improve Community engagement**

T10.1.1 FPC consulted the public about the draft 2017/18 budget using the same approach taken for the 2016/17 budget.

## **COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**

Local Trust Committees (LTCs) have advanced the following land use planning projects (only changes since December report noted):

### **BALLENAS-WINCHELSEA ISLANDS**

The Executive Committee (Acting as an LTC) has prioritized Crown Lands protection in the Ballenas-Winchelsea LTA, and will be represented at the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve Roundtable.

### **DENMAN ISLAND**

The Denman Island LTC has initiated Denman Island Farm Plan implementation and is also continuing to consider land use bylaw amendments to prohibit driving on the beach.

### **GABRIOLA ISLAND**

The Gabriola Island LTC is considering official community plan (OCP) and land use bylaw (LUB) amendments to increase housing options and LUB amendments to its signage regulations. The LTC also continues to consider an application to amend the Gabriola OCP and LUB to facilitate a 25-lot subdivision in combination with the dedication of 136 hectares of parkland adjacent to the 707 Community Park and Coates Marsh Regional Park.

### **GAMBIER ISLAND**

The Gambier Island LTC has made steady progress toward adoption of *Riparian Areas Regulation* bylaws and its Official Community Plan is currently under review.

### **HORNBY ISLAND**

The Hornby Island LTC is initiating a review of vacation home rental regulations. The LTC has advertised for new Advisory Planning Commission members to support this and other LTC work.

### **LASQUETI ISLAND**

The Lasqueti LTC initiated a targeted OCP review with a focus on marine shoreline protection. The LTC is also actively engaged in an Aging at Home project and is now commencing Phase 2 of this project, which involves potential OCP and LUB amendments.

### **MAYNE ISLAND**

The Mayne Island LTC has completed policies and regulations for Short Term Vacation Rentals as a home occupation and is proceeding with Riparian Areas Regulation implementation.

### **NORTH PENDER ISLAND**

The North Pender Island LTC has completed policies and regulations for Short Term Vacation Rentals and is proceeding with a review of options for secondary suites.

### **SALT SPRING ISLAND**

The Salt Spring Island LTC is developing a bylaw to permit use of Temporary Use Permits for affordable rental housing in secondary suites and cottages. The Salt Spring Island LTC is engaging environmental groups and agricultural groups to ensure protection of surface drinking water in non-ALR lands.

### **SATURNA**

The Saturna LTC hosted an afternoon SENCOTEN History of Saturna Island with four knowledge-holders from Tsawout First Nation.

### **SOUTH PENDER**

The LTC continued to work on a comprehensive review of its Land Use Bylaw, engaging in extensive community consultation on key issues.

### **THETIS ISLAND**

Thetis LTC continues to consider two major rezoning applications within marine areas: West Vancouver Yacht Club outstation and Hardy Granite Quarries barge facilities at Valdes Island. The LTC is also considering potential amendments to the Thetis Associated Islands Land Use Bylaw regarding private moorage structures.