



Islands Trust

SEPTEMBER 2017

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 – September 2017

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

T.1.5.3 Processing high volume of donations towards Fairyslipper Forest campaign (Thetis) after pledges were called in.

QUARTERLY UPDATE

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

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

T2.2.1 Forage fish habitat mapping for Lasqueti, Galiano, Salt Spring and Valdes and reports and mapping posted to MapIT and Islands Trust Fund website.

PROGRESS

Objective 1. Protect the natural environment

T.1.1.1 Released summer Heron newsletter with information about land conservation options.

Issued news release and hosted a media event for a new SSI covenant resulting in three media articles.

Objective 4. Protect quality and quantity of water resources

Delivered well and groundwater workshops on 11 islands in partnership with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and health authorities.

T.1.1.3 Trust Fund Board reviewed Working Landscapes Conservation Study and directed staff to consider findings when drafting the 2018-2027 Regional Conservation Plan.

T.1.1.4 Completed annual Trust Fund Board property monitoring.

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

T.5.5 The Select Committee to review the Victoria office location recommended consideration of a satellite office in Sidney.

Conducted species at risk surveys on Cyril Cunningham Nature Reserve (SSI) and confirmed presence of two new species at risk.

T.1.5.1 Implemented a Securement Strategy for TFB acquisition and covenants.

Objective 6. Strengthen relations with First Nations

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

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 7.1.3 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 not made progress this quarter on revising and consolidating six agreements regarding Crown Land in the Islands Trust Area

Communicated with Ministries following establishment of new provincial government, worked with Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Salt Spring referendum.

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

T9.1.5 A First Nations and public engagement plan has been prepared for the Policy Statement amendment project

Objective 10. Improve Community engagement

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Local Trust Committees (LTCs) have advanced the following land use planning projects (only changes since June 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

Local trustees are engaging with community members to strength First Nations relationships.

GABRIOLA ISLAND

The Gabriola Island LTC is considering official community plan (OCP) and land use bylaw (LUB) amendments with respect to secondary suites.

GALIANO ISLAND

The Galiano Island LTC is reviewing private moorage policies and regulations and will be considering options for affordable housing

GAMBIER ISLAND

The Gambier Island Official Community Plan is currently under review.

HORNBY ISLAND

In support of First Nations Relationship building, local trustees are engaging with community members.

LASQUETI ISLAND

The Lasqueti LTC is undertaking a targeted OCP review with a focus on marine shoreline protection.

MAYNE ISLAND

The Mayne Island LTC is proceeding with Riparian Areas Regulation implementation

NORTH PENDER ISLAND

The North Pender Island LTC is proceeding with a review of options for secondary suites, and is proceeding with drafting bylaws for land use for waste management.

SALT SPRING ISLAND

The Salt Spring Island LTC continues to advance the Industrial Land Use project and the Land Uses in Rural Watershed Zones project. The LTC has advanced work in the Watershed Management project by supporting an agricultural land use inventory update to estimate agricultural water consumption

SATURNA

The Saturna LTC is implementing revisions to its OCP to recognize First Nations presence and place-names.

SOUTH PENDER

The LTC continues to work towards completion of a comprehensive review of its Land Use Bylaw,

THETIS ISLAND

The LTC is undertaking a review of dock regulations for Ruxton Island.