

SOUTH PENDER
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

We finished up the year with a Local Trust Committee meeting on December 14. Our next meeting will not be until March 1 so we wanted to complete the first round of revisions of the Land Use Bylaw. The technical review has been done and reviewed by our Advisory Planning Commission and we have brought forward some substantive changes to the Land Use Bylaw as a result of our discussions with community members, the Community Information Meetings and the focus groups that were held last term. We have also considered the direction laid out in the Strategic Plan for Trust Council and tried to learn from the experiences of other islands in order to develop a Land Use Bylaw that anticipates and addresses issues that could develop into problems in the future.

We discussed a number of revisions at our meeting and went through the Land Use Bylaw, accepting or declining the changes made as a result of the technical review. We have now asked staff to make the revisions that we have proposed and bring them back to our March 1 meeting.

We have appointed a new Advisory Planning Commission which will serve to the end of our term. Many thanks to the people who put their names forward for the APC. We have appointed Cameron Thorn, Christina McQuarrie, Mamie Hutt-Temoana, Paul Petrie and Steve Wright. We expect to refer the draft revisions to the APC in the spring. We appreciate that these members of our community are willing to do this work; we expect that they will individually and collectively have much to contribute to the Land Use Bylaw review process.

We both attended the Trust Council meeting which was held in Victoria from December 8 -10. The new Chief Administrative Officer of the Islands Trust, Russ Hotsenpiller, who comes to us from the Strathcona Regional District where he has served as Chief Administrative Officer since 2013, joined us for a portion of the meeting. He replaces Linda Adams who is retiring from the Trust in January.

We wish you all the best for 2016.

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