News Release

200 - 1627 Fort Street Victoria BC V8R 1H8
Telephone **250.405.5151** FAX: 250.405.5155
Toll Free via Enquiry BC in Vancouver 604.660.2421. Elsewhere in BC **1.800.663.7867**
information@islandstrust.bc.ca www.islandstrust.bc.ca

February 5, 2016 2016-03-IT

INPUT NEEDED ON PLANS FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

VICTORIA — The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (SSILTC) invites residents to learn about, and give feedback about how to meet the need for industrial land on the island for the next 25 years.

Community meetings will give residents a chance to learn about the recommendations in the final report of the Industrial Advisory Planning Commission's (IAPC), a group of volunteers who worked with consultants to estimate the current and future demand for industrial land on the island.

"Having a plan today will enhance future economic growth and security on Salt Spring Island and we are grateful to the IAPC for giving us valuable information as the foundation for the long-term plan," said Peter Grove, Trustee of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee. "As we implement the recommendations of the IAPC, we want to present the proposed changes to the community and hear from them about their hopes and concerns."

The key recommendation of the IAPC is to update the industrial zoning framework in the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 to make it simple, consistent, and adequate for the needs of the community. The current system of industrial zoning has not been updated since 2001.

The SSILTC has contracted Island Planning Services to help update the framework. The community's input will help refine the proposed changes and the information will help the SSILTC in its decision-making.

Three community meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016:

- 10 a.m. to noon at Fulford Seniors Centre, 268 Fulford, Ganges Road
- 2 - 4 p.m. at Shared Space, Unit #1-315 Upper Ganges Road (Merchant Mews)
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Gulf Islands Secondary School, Multipurpose Room, 232 Rainbow Road

Consultants and planners will be available to answer questions. More information on the project and the IAPC report is available under projects and initiatives at www.islandstrust.bc.ca/saltspring.

The Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies representing 25,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property-owners. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

-30-

CONTACT

Peter Grove
Trustee
Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee
250.537.1117

Stefan Cermak
Regional Planning Manager
Islands Trust
250.538.5608