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March Islands Trust Council Program Announced

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting March 22-24, 2016 on Hornby Island, and invites members of the public to participate and observe.

The 26-member Council makes decisions about overall policy and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect the islands. Islands Trust Council does not make local land use decisions, which are the responsibility of the local trustees within their respective local trust areas.

Trust Council invites members of the public to participate in a town hall session, a regular forum to promote dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 1:15 pm on Wednesday, March 23. The public is invited to ask questions and make suggestions about the work of the Islands Trust Council.

Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal delegation to the Islands Trust Council must receive an appointment through the Executive Committee. Please send the topic, speaker's name and contact information to Jas Chonk (email: jchonk@islandstrust.bc.ca; fax: 250.405.5155) by Wednesday, March 2. Guidelines for presentations to Council are at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil>.

The quarterly business meeting starts Tuesday, March 22 at 1:30 pm and is expected to finish by 10:30 am on Thursday, March 24. The meeting agenda package will be posted on the Islands Trust website calendar by March 14.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

2016-2017 Budget – Trustees will review and discuss the proposed budget for Council's core operations and potential projects. Trustees will consider the public input received before finalizing and approving the Islands Trust's 2016-2017 budget and its annual Financial Plan Bylaw. More details about the budget and opportunities for input are available at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/budget>

Meeting Options – Trustees will discuss options for meeting procedure amendments which would be required to enable electronic participation by Trustees in Trust Council meetings.

First Nations – On Wednesday, March 23, Trustees will have an opportunity to increase their understanding of meaningful cross-cultural dialogue and to identify common issues, opportunities for collaboration and respectful relationship-building practices regarding First Nations.

Islands Trust Transition Plan – Trust Council will receive an update on the Salt Spring Island Incorporation process and the associated Islands Trust Transition Plan.

Delegations and Town Hall – From 1:15 – 2:15 pm, on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 23, Trust Council will invite members of the public to present their federation-wide concerns to trustees. The public is invited to ask questions and make suggestions about the work of the Islands Trust Council.

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Preserving *island* communities, culture and environment

Bowen, Denman, Hornby, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis

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Decision and Information Items – Trust Council fulfils its core decision-making function during these sessions through consideration and deliberation of Islands Trust business. It will review key advocacy and policy positions on a variety of topics, consider progress on Strategic Priorities and will review recommendations from Local Planning Committee, Trust Programs Committee and Financial Planning Committee regarding proposed work programs for the coming quarter.

Closed Sessions – In closed sessions, trustees will review and consider various matters related to litigation and personnel.

Trustee Roundtable – Following their business session, Trust Council will end its meeting on Thursday, March 24th with an informal Trustee Roundtable, to exchange ideas about common island topics.

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.

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Attached: March 22-24, 2016 Trust Council agenda program

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March 2016 Islands Trust Council Agenda Program

Location: Hornby Island Community Hall – 4305 Central Road

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	Tuesday, March 22	Wednesday, March 23	Thursday, March 24
A.M.		7:30 – 8:20 Breakfast – Hall 8:30 – 9:15 Decision and Information Items (3) 9:15 – 9:45 Break 9:45 – 12:00 First Nations (4)	7:30 – 8:20 Breakfast – Hall 8:30 – 9:15 ** Closed Meeting** (9) 9:15 – 9:45 Decision and Information Items (3 – cont'd) 9:45 – 10:30 Trustee Roundtable(10) 10:30 Meeting Adjourned
P.M.	12:30 – 1:25 Lunch 1:30 Call to Order/Notice of New Items 1:35 – 3:00 2016/17 Budget Overview and discussion (1) 3:00 – 3:30 Break 3:30 – 4:30 Budget Discussion and Debate (1 – cont'd) 4:30 – 5:30 Meeting Options (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Electronic Meetings</i> • <i>Trust Council Structure</i> 	12:00 – 12:45 Lunch 12:45 – 1:15 Community Presentation (5) 1:15 – 2:15 Delegations and Town Hall (6) 2:15 – 2:45 Break 2:45 – 4:00 Decision and Information Items (3 – cont'd) 4:00 – 4:30 2016/17 Budget Approval (7) 4:30 – 5:00 Islands Trust Transition Plan (8)	

** Members of the public are invited to attend all sessions except any closed meetings and meals.