



Islands Trust

Your Island Trustees' Report

Alex Allen and Tony Law

- Hornby Island Local Trust Committee

At our February meeting, the Local Trust Committee adopted Bylaw 150, the new Hornby Island Land Use Bylaw following adoption of Bylaw 149, the new Hornby Island Official Community Plan (OCP). We will now be embarking on a communications strategy to help everyone become aware of new and existing provisions in the OCP and land regulations. This will include leaflets on housing options and about best practices for land protection and development. We will also provide information about economic opportunities enabled by our OCP.

We have added "First Nations Relationship Building" to our active work program. This followed a positive meeting with K'omoks First Nation councilors last month. We shared some locally produced food. They shared a full and fascinating draft presentation on the history of the K'omoks people provided by an archaeologist/ethnohistorian who is compiling all known information for KFN. We are committing to doing what we can to support local understanding of First Nations heritage, particularly as it relates to Ja-dai-aich, the Outer Island. We will invite K'omoks to share the finalized presentation here on Hornby when they are ready to do so.

As a signatory to the *Coastal Douglas Fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership*, the Local Trust Committee has added this topic to our projects list. We plan to include information about conserving these ecosystems in our communications strategy.

- Islands Trust Council Meeting on Hornby Island

Islands Trust Council will be holding its quarterly meeting at the Hornby Island Community Hall from Tuesday 22 March to Thursday 24 March. This is an opportunity to witness the 26 trustees conducting business in our community as well as to provide your input.

Council business will be conducted on Tuesday (3:15-4:30), Wednesday (8:30-9:15 and 2:45-4:30) and Thursday (9:15-9:45). The Wednesday afternoon session will deal with the Islands Trust 2016-17 budget. There will be an interesting workshop about First Nations on Wednesday at 9:45-12:00.

To talk to Council, come and attend the Delegations and Town Hall session on Wednesday at 1:15 following community presentations by HIRRA and HICEEC at

12:45. If you would like to make a formal presentation (10 minutes max.) as a delegate or to submit a petition, please contact Jas Chonk at the Victoria office (250-405-5164, jchonk@islandstrust) **right away** as there needs to be three weeks' notice. If you would prefer to provide brief informal input, then just turn up for the "Town Hall" session.

For full information on the process for talking to Council, please go to the Islands Trust website, click on "Trust Council" and then "Council Meetings". The Council meeting agenda can be viewed on the Islands Trust website and is posted on notice boards at the Gas Bar and the Library. If you need help understanding anything, please contact one of us.

Next Local Trust Committee Meeting: Friday 1 April, Room to Grow, 11:30 am.

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