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June Islands Trust Council Program Announced

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting June 14-16, 2016 on North Pender Island and invites members of the public to participate and observe.

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 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15. 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 send their request in writing at least three (3) weeks prior to the Trust Council meeting. Please send the topic, speaker's name and contact information to Mandy Giesbrecht (email: mgiesbrecht@islandstrust.bc.ca; fax: 250.405.5155) by Wednesday, May 25. Guidelines for presentations to Council can be viewed at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil>.

The quarterly business meeting starts Tuesday, June 14 at 1:30 p.m. and is expected to finish by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 16. The meeting agenda package will be posted on the Islands Trust website calendar by June 6. Regular visitors may notice the agenda package format will now consolidate all Council sessions into one. The full 3-day "program" will be posted to the [Council meeting page](#) when finalized.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

Marine Shipping – The Islands Trust Council will meet with federal government and industry representatives to speak about the risks and impacts associated with shipping traffic and anchorages in the region.

Trustee Roundtable – This session has been moved to the Tuesday afternoon portion of the schedule, following adoption of the agenda. The informal Trustee Roundtable is an opportunity to exchange ideas about common island topics.

~~**Dialogue with San Juan County Council** – Trustees will meet with San Juan County Council members to discuss common issues and interests that affect islands in the Salish Sea. The Islands Trust Council and San Juan County Council have a [protocol agreement](#).~~

Delegations and Town Hall – From **2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**, on Wednesday, June 15, 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.

Regular Agenda 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.

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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.

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.

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