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September Islands Trust Council Program Announced

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting September 13-15, 2016 at the Sidney Pier Hotel, 9805 Seaport Place, Sidney 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, September 14. The public is invited to ask questions and make suggestions about the work of Islands Trust Council.

Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal delegation to Islands Trust Council must send their request in writing at least three (3) weeks prior to the Trust Council meeting. All requests must include the topic you wish to address, the speaker's name and contact information. Please send this to Jas Chonk (email: jchonk@islandstrust.bc.ca; fax: 250.405.5155) by Wednesday, August 24. Guidelines for presentations to Council can be viewed at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil>. Presentation materials must be received either by email or other electronic means in advance of the meeting to ensure that the appropriate technology is in place to facilitate a successful presentation to Council. PDF or Microsoft PowerPoint slideshows are the preferred format; late presentations brought directly to the meeting cannot be accommodated.

The quarterly business meeting starts Tuesday, September 13 at 9 a.m. and is expected to finish by 11a.m. on Thursday, September 15. The meeting agenda package will be posted on the Islands Trust website calendar by September 6. The full three-day "program" will be posted to the [Council meeting page](#) when finalized.

Trust Council Sessions are anticipated to include:

Visioning Session – Trustees will participate in a facilitated visioning session to identify areas of mutual concern across islands and to find ways to embrace individual island diversity, while maintaining a strong sense of federation. This session is a precursor to the public visioning exercise scheduled to begin later in 2016.

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. Islands Trust Council and San Juan County Council have a [protocol agreement](#).

Housing Session – Trustees will participate in a housing session to discuss available resources, identify opportunities to measure impacts of increased density, remove obstacles to affordable housing and consider opportunities for innovative ownership options.

Trustee Roundtable – The informal Trustee Roundtable is an opportunity for trustees to exchange ideas about common island topics.

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Delegations and Town Hall – From 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 14, 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 Islands Trust Council.

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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.

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, co-operation 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 5,200 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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