

Galiano Island Local Trust Report-March 2017

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The February 6th Local Trust Committee meeting had to be rescheduled as Galiano was under the influence of some seriously affected winter storm road conditions. The meeting will now be on Tuesday, March 21st starting at **11 am**. One of the highlights of this meeting was to be a First Nations & the Gulf Islands presentation by Fiona MacRaid with the Islands Trust. This presentation will be one hour long starting at **2 pm** on the 21st. It will help lend some clarity to the many First Nations claims on Galiano Island. Fiona has a 2 year position with Islands Trust to help with our First Nations and Marine issues. The LTC meeting commences at **11 am** with a Townhall followed by regular Trust business.

The monthly LTC meeting is still scheduled for 11 am on Monday, March 6th. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the Island Trust website a week before the meeting.

In other news... two Advisory Planning Committees have been very busy the last few months. The Galiano APC has been reviewing the Short Term Vacation Rental policies. The Temporary Use Permit - TUP to regulate these vacation rentals has been widely applied for during the past 2 years and the LTC requested a review of this process. A report will be presented to the LTC upon completion and possible changes could be made to the permit procedures. Concurrently to that review a Special Advisory Planning Committee - SAPC has been working with the community through surveys, meetings and submissions to make recommendations regarding a Telecommunication Strategy. This is expected to be tabled at the March 21st LTC.

A Dock Review Project is also being undertaken with the results of the survey to be presented at an upcoming LTC meeting.

Update on the Salt Spring incorporation referendum: Salt Springers won't have the opportunity to vote on whether to incorporate as an island municipality until mid-summer at the earliest, with the upcoming provincial election putting a hold on all government decisions from April through June.

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Office Hours: Trustee Pottle - Tue. and Trustee Harris - Wed. Both 4-6 pm. No office hours March 14 or 15 (Trust Council on Gabriola Island)

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