

PROTOCOL AGREEMENT  
between  
THE BOWEN ISLAND FOREST AND WATER MANAGEMENT SOCIETY  
and  
THE BOWEN ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE  
concerning

THE PROTECTION OF FOREST AND WATER RESOURCES ON BOWEN ISLAND  
THROUGH THE COLLECTION AND SHARING OF INFORMATION, INCREASING  
PUBLIC AWARENESS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INFORMATION BASE TO  
BE USED IN COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKING

This Letter of Understanding is directed towards the collection and use of information relevant to the stewardship of the natural resources on Bowen Island.

**1.0 PURPOSES**

- 1.1 To investigate and document the interactions between the forest, water resources and development projects on Bowen Island, and the resulting effects on watershed environments.
- 1.2 To inform the public, property owners, developers, contractors and local government, of the measures available to sustainably manage the forest and water resources of Bowen Island.
- 1.3 To provide a reliable, technical information base which would be used as the basis for community planning decisions which involve the sustainability of Bowen Island's natural resources.

**2.0 PRINCIPLES**

Both parties acknowledge the respective mandate of the other party and agree to the following:

- 2.1 The object of the Islands Trust which is set out in Section 3 of the *Islands Trust Act* establishes the need to preserve and protect the Islands Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Islands Trust Area and of the Province generally.

- 2.2 The Bowen Island Local Trust Committee has the legislated responsibility to regulate the development and use of land within its local trust area in accordance with Sections 27 and 28 of the *Islands Trust Act*.
- 2.3 The Bowen Island Forest and Water Management Society is a private, not-for-profit community-based group established in 1992 under the Societies Act of British Columbia with the following stated goals:
- i. to increase public awareness, appreciation and understanding of the natural resources of Bowen Island;
  - ii. to collect, interpret and synthesize information about these resources and to make this information readily available for use on the island to assist in public education and to facilitate community planning; and
  - iii. to participate and contribute to the management of Bowen Island's natural resources on public and private lands.

### **3.0 INFORMATION BASE**

- 3.1 The Bowen Island Forest and Water Management Society will provide the Bowen Island Local Trust Committee with pertinent data and mapped information relative to the sustainability of Bowen Island's natural resources.
- 3.2 The Bowen Island Local Trust Committee will consider the information provided when making land use policy and regulatory decisions.
- 3.3 If a development proposal includes land which appears to have significant natural resource values, the Bowen Island Local Trust Committee may refer that proposal to the Bowen Island Forest and Water Management Society for comments and possible recommendations.
- 3.4 Where possible, data shall be produced on systems which are compatible with the mapping and information systems being utilized by the Islands Trust.

#### 4.0 TERMS

- 4.1 The key persons responsible for the administration of this Letter of Understanding are the senior planner responsible for the Bowen Island Local Trust Committee and the President of the Bowen Island Forest and Water Management Society.
- 4.2 The parties agree that this Letter of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual consent and may be terminated at any time by either party upon 90 days' notice.
- 4.3 This Letter of Understanding is not limited to the above signatories and may include other agencies as agreed to by the original signatories.
- 4.4 The Bowen Island Local Trust Committee agrees to make the information and maps resulting from this agreement available to the public.
- 4.5 Nothing in this agreement shall be construed so as to fetter the legislative discretion of the Bowen Island Local Trust Committee within its area of jurisdiction in adopting any bylaw or resolution.

Approved by resolution of the Bowen Island Local Trust Committee this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of **nc-7-66,9 12** 1996.  
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Mdlinda ~r ch, Chairperson, Bowen Island Local Trust Committee

Approved by the Bowen Island Forest and Water Management Society this  
day of **OCTDALIF17** 1996.

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