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March Islands Trust Council Program Announced

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting March 8-10, 2011 at the Lion's Hall on Galiano Island. The public meeting starts Tuesday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. and is expected to finish by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 10.

The 26-member Council makes decisions about overall policy, staff resources and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate. 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 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9. Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal delegation to the Islands Trust Council at the beginning of the town hall session must receive an appointment through the Executive Committee. Please forward your request to the Islands Trust Victoria office, to the attention of Marie Smith (email: msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca; fax: 250.405.5155) including the subject, and the speaker's name and address, by Wednesday, February 16. Guidelines to help those planning a presentation to Council are available on the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/addresstips.cfm. Please note that the Islands Trust Council does not make local land use decisions, which are the responsibility of the local trustees within their respective local trust areas. A copy of the agenda package for the March Council meeting will be available for viewing at our Victoria, Salt Spring and Gabriola Island offices after Wednesday, March 2.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

Galiano Food Program (March 8) – Trustees will receive a presentation by the Galiano Club about the many activities it coordinates for its Food Program and how the program is organized and funded.

Map IT Program (March 8) – Trust Council members will receive an introduction to Islands Trust's new online mapping project, soon to be accessible to the public.

2011-2012 Budget Overview (March 8) – The Islands Trust's Financial Planning Committee will present Council with its overall budget recommendations, along with an explanation of projected revenues, staffing levels, expenses and implications of the proposed budget for Trust Council's Strategic Plan.

Delegations and Town Hall Session (March 9) – Trust Council encourages members of the public to participate in dialogue between islanders and trustees. The public is invited to discuss issues, ask questions and make suggestions about the work of Islands Trust Council.

2011-2012 Budget Discussion (March 9) – Trustees will consider the public input received and discuss options for amending the proposed budget. Council will then finalize and approve the Islands Trust's 2011-2012 budget and approve its annual Financial Plan Bylaw. Following budget adoption, trustees will consider and adopt an amended Strategic Plan.

Information and Decision Items (March 8 & 9) – Trust Council will consider a variety of routine business updates and decisions and will review recommendations from each Council Committee regarding its proposed work program for the coming quarter. Decision highlights will include adoption of a revised Trustee Remuneration Bylaw, consideration of policy changes about the sponsorship of development applications and management of conservation covenants, and adoption of a new Records Management Bylaw.

Planning Session (March 10) – Trustees and staff will explore ways to integrate the 2011-2015 Regional Conservation Plan into the work of Local Trust Committees, followed by a review of work programs and priorities for the Northern, Southern and Salt Spring planning teams.

Attached: 3 day agenda program

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Islands Trust

March 2011 Islands Trust Council Meeting Program

March 8-10, 2011

Location: Lion's Hall, Galiano Island

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	Tuesday, March 8	Wednesday, March 9	Thursday, March 10
Morning		8:30 – 9:20 ** Closed Meeting** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Litigation Update</i> 9:20 – 9:30 Break 9:30 – 10:30 Delegation & Town Hall Session 10:30 – 10:45 Break 10:45 – 12:15 2011/12 Budget Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Budget Debate and Approval</i> 	8:15 – 10:45 Planning Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Integrating the Regional Conservation Plan with Local Trust Committees</i> o <i>Team Meetings</i> 10:45 am Meeting adjourned
Afternoon	1:00 Call to Order and Approval of Agenda/ Request for New Items 1:05 – 1:30 Galiano Club Food Program 1:30 – 2:00 Map IT Program 2:00 – 3:00 2011/12 Budget Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Revenue and Surplus (Reserves)</i> o <i>Non-Discretionary Expense Changes</i> o <i>Discretionary Expense Changes to Base, Program and OCP Budgets</i> o <i>Strategic Plan Implications</i> 3:00 – 3:20 Break 3:20 – 4:00 2011/12 Budget Overview (cont'd) 4:00 – 5:30 Decision and Information Items	12:15 – 1:30 Lunch and Island Tour 1:30 – 3:10 Decision and Information Items 3:10 – 3:30 Break 3:30 – 5:00 Decision and Information Items (cont'd)	

Members of the public are invited to attend all sessions except any closed meeting (** ***) and meals