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December Trust Council Program Announced

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting December 7-9, 2010 at the Harbour Towers Hotel in Victoria, BC. The public meeting starts Tuesday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. and is expected to finish by 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 9.

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 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8. 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 Monday, November 22. 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 December Council meeting will be available for viewing at our Victoria, Salt Spring and Gabriola Island offices after Wednesday, December 1.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

Regional Conservation Plan – Kate Emmings, Ecosystem Protection Specialist for the Islands Trust Fund, will present the 2011-2015 Regional Conservation Plan, highlighting the goals and conservation priorities set out for the Islands Trust Fund for the next five years, and requesting the endorsement of Trust Council.

Salt Spring Island Climate Action – Salt Spring Island Local Trustee Christine Torgrimson will provide a presentation about Salt Spring Island activities related to the reduction of greenhouse gases.

Planning Session – Randall Arendt, noted rural community designer, advocate of conservation planning and well-known author of "Rural by Design" will be speaking with Council via webconference about zoning compact communities in a rural setting.

2011-2012 Budget – This session will provide an overview of the Islands Trust budget process, the base budget, potential new programs and revenue requirements, and will prepare trustees for decisions regarding the 2011-2012 budget that they will make at the March 2011 Trust Council meeting.

Decision and Information Items – 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. Highlights will include consideration of expanding the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program to Lasqueti Island, further work regarding food security and discussion about new topics that could be included in the Islands Trust Policy Statement next term.

Delegations and Town Hall Session – 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 the Islands Trust.

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Attached: 3 day agenda program

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December 2010 Islands Trust Council Meeting Program

December 7 - 9 2010
Victoria, BC

**Location: West Harbour Ballroom, Harbour Towers Hotel
345 Quebec Street**

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| | Tuesday, December 7 | Wednesday, December 8 | Thursday, December 9 |
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| Morning | | 8:30 – 10:15 Decision and Information Items 10:15 – 10:30 Break 10:30-11:30 Decision and Information Items (cont'd) 11:30 - 12:15 Staff Recognition Awards | 8:30 – 11:30 Planning Session ➤ <i>Randall Arendt webconference presentation on zoning compact communities in a rural setting</i> ➤ <i>Team Meetings</i> 11:30 Meeting Adjourned |
| Afternoon | 1:00 Call to Order and Approval of Agenda 1:05 – 2:15 **Closed Meeting** 2:15 – 3:15 Regional Conservation Plan 3:15 – 3:35 Break 3:35 – 5:30 2011-2012 Budget Session ➤ <i>Budget Process</i> ➤ <i>Initial Review</i> | 12:15 – 1:00 Lunch 1:00 – 1:30 Salt Spring Island Climate Action 1:30 – 2:30 Delegation/Town Hall Session 2:30 – 2:50 Break 2:50 – 5:00 Decision and Information Items (cont'd) | |

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