

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2017 Nominee Profile

Lasqueti Island Emergency Dispatch Advisory Committee

Category:	Organization
Project:	Fostering community engagement
Nominator(s):	Brigitte Dorner

Description:

In 2016, the Lasqueti Island Emergency Dispatch Advisory Committee (EDAC) was established to research and advise the Powell River Regional District on the best options for emergency dispatch on Lasqueti and surrounding islands.

The EDAC consisted of volunteers who met at least twice a month to address the committee's terms of reference. The EDAC used an interest-based approach to engage the community and collaborate with various stakeholders. The EDAC produced a final report with recommendations for emergency dispatch services. This report details a recommended dispatch system, including the required financial, technical and human resources. The recommended approach considered the community's desire to preserve the island's character by avoiding the need for new communication towers.

The EDAC approach fostered public participation on Lasqueti Island in ways that will encourage future public engagement in issues affecting the community, including land-use issues.