



# News Release

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## **September 2017 Islands Trust Council Program Announced**

VICTORIA – The Islands Trust Council invites members of the public to observe and participate in its next quarterly business meeting September 12-14, 2017 at the Denman Island Activity Centre, 1111 Northwest Road, Denman Island.

Trust Council encourages members of the community to attend a town hall session starting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13. The session is a regular forum to promote dialogue between islanders and trustees and represents an opportunity for the public to ask questions and make suggestions about the work of Trust Council.

Persons or organizations wishing to make a formal delegation to Trust Council must send their request in writing at least three (3) weeks before the meeting. The topic, speaker's name and contact information must be sent to Emma Restall (email: [erestall@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:erestall@islandstrust.bc.ca)) by Wednesday, August 23. Guidelines for presentations to Council can be viewed at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil>.

The meeting starts Tuesday, September 12 at 1:30 p.m. and is expected to end by 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 14. The meeting agenda package will be posted to the Islands Trust website calendar by September 4. A consolidated description of Council sessions and the full three-day "program" will also be posted when finalized.

### **Trust Council Sessions will include:**

**Trustee Roundtable** – This session is an opportunity for trustees to exchange information about common island topics.

**Delegations and Town Hall** – From 2 - 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, members of the public can present their federation-wide concerns to trustees, ask questions and make suggestions about the work of Trust Council.

**Regular Agenda Items** – During these sessions, Trust Council considers and discusses topics related to its core business. Trust Council will review advocacy and policy positions on a variety of topics, consider progress on strategic priorities and review recommendations from the Local Planning, Trust Programs and Financial Planning committees regarding proposed work programs for the next quarter.

**Effective Advocacy Session** – Trust Council will review past advocacy programs and discuss opportunities for future advocacy initiatives.

**Closed Sessions** – In closed sessions, trustees will review and consider litigation and personnel matters.

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The Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies representing 25,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property-owners. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, co-operation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

The 26-member Islands Trust Council makes decisions about overall policy and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect 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.

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Bowen, Denman, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Hornby, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis

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