



# News Release

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## **December 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 December 5-7, 2017 at the Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour, 728 Humboldt St, Victoria.

Trust Council encourages members of the community to attend a town hall session starting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6. 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, November 15. Guidelines for presentations to Council can be viewed at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil>.

The meeting starts Tuesday, December 5 at 12:30 p.m. and is expected to end by 12 p.m. on Thursday, December 7. The meeting agenda package will be posted to the Islands Trust website calendar by November 27.

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

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

**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.

**Budget Session** – Financial Planning Committee will present a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and discuss the budget process and implications for the [Strategic Plan](#). Public consultation is planned to begin in January 2018, in advance of budget approval by Trust Council at the end of March 2018.

**Islands Trust Act Session** – Trust Council will receive preliminary analysis on options for legislative change to the *Islands Trust Act*. The session is intended to be a workshop format where Trustees are provided the opportunity to discuss the relative merits and challenges associated with changes to the *Islands Trust Act* and to identify areas for further consideration and research.

**Federal Ocean Protection Plan Session** – Senior Transport Canada staff will present to Trust Council about the federal Ocean Protection Plan and upcoming consultation opportunities.

**Dialogue with San Juan County Council**– Trustees will meet with San Juan County Council members to discuss common issues and interests that affect islands in the Salish Sea, including vessel management. Islands Trust Council and San Juan County Council have a protocol agreement.

**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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