

Trustee Stamford Report – March 2018

Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Business Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2018, 10:45am

John Braithwaite Community Centre, 145 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, BC

There are no Gambier specific projects on this agenda see link below. Thursday's business meeting is focusing on the Keats Camp Re-Zoning process and further steps to implement Riparian Area Regulations on Anvil and Bowyer Islands. The planning staff expect to be getting back into more Gambier directives over the next few months and I'm happy to chat with you about them if you have any questions.

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/gambier/meeting-calendar-agendas-minutes/>

There is an upcoming **Trust Council** meeting March 13-15th.

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/345160/2018-02-it-march-2018-tc-news-release.pdf>

ISLANDS TRUST FUND (LAND CONSERVANCY)

Heads up that some property owners will be receiving a Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) package in the mail from the Islands Trust Fund. This program is unique to the Islands Trust and provides a break on property tax in exchange for a protective covenant on sensitive areas of your property. It is popular in other local trust areas where more than 75 ha have been set aside under this program on parcels as small as .6 ha.

For more information about this program here is the link

<http://www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca/initiatives/privateconservation.aspx>

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

Grant in Aide deadlines – Available for one-off community projects under \$5,000. The deadline is April 3. Please go to the link below for details and the application form.

<http://www.scrd.ca/Grants-in-Aid>

BC FERRIES

BC Ferries is looking for input on the new plans for Langdale Terminal and Horseshoe Bay Terminal. Both the local Ferry Advisory Committee and myself have requested that the islanders be consulted about changes to both terminals but Langdale Terminal in particular as it is islander's primary access point to the Sunshine Coast.

For information about the Langdale Terminal renovation project here is the link:

<http://www.bcferrries.com/about/publicconsultation2/terminal-development-planning/langdale.html>

For information about the Horseshoe Bay Terminal plans

<https://www.bcferrries.com/about/hsbvision/>

HOWE SOUND

Trustees in the Howe Sound have updated their spill contact information so I'm passing it on. Western Canada Marine Response Corp – for your information in case of an oil spill in your area here are some useful links and contacts:

During a spill, we (WCMRC) will defer to the lead federal agency (typically Canadian Coast Guard) or the polluter to lead with public communication. I have asked them to connect with you to provide an update.

A couple references and sources for spill information in BC:

The province will post incident updates on spills with a potential shore impact here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/spills-environmental-emergencies/spill-incidents>

- *For large incidents we will launch a public portal to manage communication:*
<http://spillresponsebc.ca/>
- *Here is an example from Bella Bella:* <http://seaforthchannelresponsebc.ca/>

Also, here is an interesting link to the marine pollution tracker with a focus on Howe Sound.

<http://www.bowenlandundercurrent.com/news/howe-sound-pollution-tracker-launched-1.23182493>

Other Trustee activities this past month:

Co-chaired the Ocean Watch Task Force	Feb 2	On going initiative to move action items from Howe Sound Ocean Watch publication
Attended the Howe Sound/Alt'kitsem Biosphere Initiative	Feb 7	Attended to better understand the initiative
Attended the BC Ferries	Feb 21	Reiterated to Ferries staff the

Langdale Terminal Rezoning Public Hearing		importance of communicating changes to islanders
Met with Feasibility Study Contractor	Feb 22	Provided clarification about zoning and sensitive ecosystem mapping
Call with RCMP member	Feb 28	Offered to help organize a community safety meeting mid April on island

Provided community communications about Port Mellon spill, dock repairs and Langdale parking changes

Also fielded several inquires about home business regulations, noise concerns, power outages and roads.

Credible wolf sign – during the recent snow there were recognizable wolf tracks in the woods above West Bay. As the cougar seems to be on vacation these days, this is a reminder there are still predators living with us on the island.

Regards to all,

Kate-Louise Stamford, Islands Trust - Gambier Island Local Trustee