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Public Invited to Islands Trust Council's First Electronic Meeting

Lekwungen, METULIYE/Victoria, BC – Islands Trust Council will make history on June 16th and 17th when they hold their first two-day electronic meeting using Zoom, an electronic video and audio conferencing system. The meeting can be attended using a computer or device connected to the internet. Participants can also choose to attend using a telephone.

Trust Council, through its provincial mandate, is responsible for preserving and protecting the 450 islands in the Salish Sea. Council meets quarterly to make decisions about matters that apply to the Islands Trust Area.

“We usually meet in person, but COVID-19 related restrictions have made electronic meetings necessary,” shared Peter Luckham, Chair of Islands Trust Council. “It’s a great opportunity for people throughout the Islands Trust area to attend and meet widely across the Salish Sea. We encourage the curious and anyone interested in preserving and protecting the Islands Trust area to login or phone in to the meeting. On day two, we will provide opportunity for the public to participate through Delegations and a Town Hall. We welcome your input, comments, ideas and feedback on topics related to the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust.”

On June 5th, full details on how to attend the electronic meeting, along with the agenda package, will be posted to the [calendar tool](#) June 16-17 dates and [What’s New](#) on the homepage. Newsletter [subscribers](#) will receive an update.

Each meeting day begins at 9:00 AM. The two-day agenda ([DRAFT subject to change](#)) includes:

- **Delegations**

Scheduled on day two, members of the public can talk to council www.islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil about matters that impact the whole Trust Area. Organizations and individuals who want to make a formal delegation will be given 10 minutes (time your presentation to allow for questions) to address Trust Council. A written request must be received by Tuesday, May 26th, and any presentation or shared material e.g. Power Point must be received by June 8th for review and approval by Executive Committee prior to the Trust Council meeting.

Please email your topic, presenters’ name, and contact information to Executive Coordinator, Lori Foster lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca, by Tuesday, May 26th if you wish to make a delegation presentation.

- **Town Hall**

Following the delegation presentations, Town Hall is open to anyone that wishes to address council. Meeting attendees may ask questions and raise issues that impact the whole Trust Area, or make suggestions about Trust Council work. Depending on the number of people that wish to speak to council, between 3-5 minutes per person will be allotted. Town Hall participants will not be able to share documents during the meeting.

- **Trustee Roundtable**

Trustees exchange local information about initiatives, events or developments of interest to all Trustees.

- **Decision and Information Items**

Most of the Trust Council Meeting involves routine business. Trust Council receives, discusses and makes decisions about policies, finances, updates, recommendations and proposed work for the coming quarter.

- **Closed Session**

During this session, which is closed to the public, trustees may review litigation and personnel matters.

Learn how to attend the June Trust Council electronic meeting. Go the Islands Trust [website](#).

To receive notifications about upcoming Trust Council meetings, sign up to receive subscriber [notices](#).

Until further notice, to protect the health and safety of trustees, Islands Trust employees, and the public during the COVID-19 pandemic, Trust Council meetings will be held electronically and broadcast using Zoom. The Islands Trust appreciates the public's understanding and assistance during this time.

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The Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies representing 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust Area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to over 28,000 Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. 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.

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