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December 2020 Islands Trust Council Meeting Program Announced **Featuring Public Session Evening of December 1**

Lək'wəḡən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – Islands Trust Council invites the public to participate in its next quarterly business meeting, online, December 1-3, 2020. A new feature to this quarterly meeting will be an evening session of Delegations and Town Hall, December 1, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Traditionally, the Delegations and Town Hall portions of the Trust Council meetings have been held midday during the regular business session. It is hoped that by changing to an evening format more people will have an opportunity to engage with the Islands Trust and increase their understanding of the organization.

Since April, Islands Trust Council has been meeting electronically to ensure the safety of trustees, staff, and the public. “We usually meet in person, but COVID-19 restrictions still apply, and electronic meetings continue to be necessary,” shared Islands Trust Council Chair Peter Luckham. “The benefit is the flexibility of meeting times and that people from across the Trust Area can attend. We encourage those who are interested in preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area to participate or view the sessions. The public can watch the live stream, apply to present to Council, or take part in the town hall portion of the meeting. We welcome input, comments, ideas, and feedback on topics related to the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust.”

Trust Council works to preserve and protect over 450 islands and their surrounding waters in the Salish Sea. Council meets quarterly to make decisions about matters that apply to the Islands Trust Area, and parts of the Trust Council meeting involves routine business. Trust Council receives, discusses, and makes decisions about policies, finances, and proposed work for the coming quarter. There is also a trustee roundtable where Trust Council members provide local information about initiatives, events, or developments of interest to all trustees.

December 1-3, 2020 Meeting Schedule

http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/350201/tc_2020-12_1-3_simplechedule_final.pdf

View and Listen to the Meeting

The meeting will be live-streamed December 1-3. View the meeting in real time at:

<https://collaboratevideo.net/islandstrust/A>

***NEW TIME* - Delegations and Town Hall Evening Session**

The Delegations and Town Hall session will be held December 1 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Town Hall offers the public an opportunity to ask questions or share information about topics impacting the whole Trust Area. Town Hall speakers usually have 3-5 minutes to speak; however, there is no ability to share documents. To speak at the Town Hall, register at:

https://islandstrust.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P_Z2FyycQxqFqwAd_bXVgq

Or phone-in real time (toll free): 833-958-1164 Webinar ID# 682 4459 8855

Press *6 to be recognized to speak.

Present to Council

To formally present to Trust Council about matters impacting the whole Trust Area, send complete presentations by November 10 to the Executive Coordinator. See helpful tips on how to make an application by going to the *Delegations* section of the Islands Trust website: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil.

For more information on how to be a delegate contact Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator:

Email: lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca

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On November 20, the Trust Council Meeting agenda package will be available on the Council Meetings webpage <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/council-meetings.aspx> of the Islands Trust website and posted to the homepage.

To receive notifications about upcoming Trust Council meetings, sign up to receive subscriber notices.

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/connect/stay-informed/subscribe-or-unsubscribe/>.

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 Islands Trust Area's unique environment and amenities by planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation 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 5,200 square kilometres.

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