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March 2021 Islands Trust Council Meeting Program Announced

Lək̓ʷəŋən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – Islands Trust Council invites the public to participate in its next business meeting being held electronically March 9-11, 2021. Since April 2020, Council has been meeting online to ensure the safety of trustees, staff, and the public. The public can access the electronic meeting live stream in real time on a computer or smartphone, listen and participate by telephone call-in or, join the meeting by computer.

Trust Council meets quarterly to make decisions about matters that apply to the Islands Trust Area, and parts of the meeting involve 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.

Trust Council works to preserve and protect over 450 islands and their surrounding waters in the Salish Sea. Input, comments, ideas, and feedback on topics related to the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust are welcomed.

Featured Sessions

Delegations and Town Hall – You are invited to make a presentation to Trust Council, or speak at the Town Hall portion of the meeting, on matters impacting the Trust Area. Visit Talk to Council www.islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil for details.

Deadline to send in complete delegation presentations: February 18, 2021.

Contact Lori Foster, email: lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca phone: 250-405-5161 for more information.

Budget 2021/22 – Have your say by completing the [Budget 2021/22 survey](#). It closes February 7, 2021. Trust Council will consider public input and approve the final 2021/22 budget at this meeting.

Policy Statement Discussion Session – Have your say by completing the [Policy Directions survey](#). It closes February 5, 2021. Trust Council will hold a full day's discussion about the Policy Statement amendment project – Islands 2050: The Future of the Trust Area.

Electronic Meeting Format

View and Listen to the Meeting – live stream in real time via computer or smartphone

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

Listen and Participate by Telephone call-in

Toll Free: 833-955-1088 or 833-958-1164

Webinar ID: 692 1858 4842

Join the Meeting via Computer or Smartphone - Zoom

<https://islandstrust.zoom.us/j/69218584842>

The final meeting schedule and agenda package will be posted to the [website](#) and [calendar tool](#) by February 26, 2021

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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