

Executive Committee Revised Agenda

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Harbour House Hotel
121 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

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1. CALL TO ORDER	
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
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2.2 Approval of Agenda	
2.2.1 Agenda Context Notes - None	
3. RISE AND REPORT DECISIONS FROM PREVIOUSLY CLOSED MEETING	
Chair Luckham to rise and report that at their June 5, 2024, in-camera meeting, Executive Committee advanced in-camera agenda items to Trust Council.	
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7.2 Planning Services - None	
7.3 Administrative Services - None	

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That the Executive Committee approves the following sections for the 2023/24 Annual Report: Message from the Islands Trust Council Chair; Message from the Chief Administrative Officer; The Islands Trust Area; Organization and Responsibility; 2023/24 Key Accomplishments; Islands Trust Council; Bowen Island Municipality; Legislative Services - Administrative Fairness and Freedom of Information; and Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement; and approves inclusion of Appendix A: Strategic Plan 2018–2022 (without the implementation table).

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Verbal discussion

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Verbal discussion

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Executive/Trust Council

8.2 Trust Area Services

8.2.1 LTC Chairs Report on Local Advocacy Topics

8.3 Planning Services

8.4 Administrative Services

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13.	ADJOURNMENT	



Executive Committee

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Peter Luckham, Chair, Thetis Trustee
Tobi Elliott, Vice-Chair, Gabriola Trustee
David Maude, Vice-Chair, Mayne Trustee
Timothy Peterson, Vice-Chair, Lasqueti Trustee (Victoria Boardroom)

Staff Present: Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) (Victoria Boardroom)
David Marlor, Director, Legislative Services (Victoria Boardroom)
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services (Victoria Boardroom)
Julia Mobbs, Director, Administrative Services
Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services
Tyler Brown, Senior Policy Advisor
Alexandra Trifonidis, Acting Executive Coordinator/Recorder (Victoria Boardroom)

Members of the public present: A member of the public was present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. acknowledging that attendees are meeting virtually across Coast Salish territory.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Introduction of New Items

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

8.1.1.1 Supporting documents:

1. Corporate Planning Process Roadmap
2. Islands Trust Focus Areas and Strategic Directions 2025-2028
3. June 19 Agenda Islands Trust Strategic Planning Session

8.1.2.1 Policy Statement Committee of the Whole Meeting – Verbal update

2.2 Approval of Agenda

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

2.2.1 Agenda Context Notes - None

3. RISE AND REPORT DECISIONS FROM PREVIOUSLY CLOSED MEETING

Chair Luckham reported that at the Executive Committee April 24, 2024, in-camera meeting the February 28, 2024, in-camera meeting minutes were adopted as presented.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Draft Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2024

By general consent Executive Committee adopted the April 24, 2024, minutes as presented.

5. FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST AND UPDATES

5.1 Follow Up Action List/Director/CAO Updates

CAO Hotsenpiller and directors provided updates on their respective items in the Follow Up Action Report and provided brief verbal department reports.

Activity 3 in the Chief Administrative Officer section of the Follow Up Action Report will be addressed in this meeting at item 8.1.1.1 where three late supporting documents have been added to the agenda.

5.2 Local Trust Committee Chair Updates

Local trust committee chairs provided updates on recently attended and upcoming local trust committee meetings.

5.3 Islands Trust Conservancy Liaison Update

Chair Luckham expressed his appreciation for Islands Trust Conservancy Manager, Kate Emmings, and the work she has done for the organization over the years.

The meeting recessed for break at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

6. BYLAWS FOR APPROVAL CONSIDERATION - None

7. TRUST COUNCIL MEETING PREPARATION

7.1 Executive

The Committee chose to address item 7.1.3 June Trust Council Preparation, first.

7.1.3 June Trust Council Preparation – BRF

The Committee covered each item line in the briefing under the BACKGROUND:, Various:, section.

By general consent Executive Committee request the June Trust Council meeting begin at 12:30 p.m.

By general consent Executive Committee request written updates for the Trustee Updates section on the Trust Council agenda.

The following items were discussed:

- Process regarding disposition of delegations.

- Adding a presentation by MLA Adam Olsen to the schedule.
- Consideration of a Committee of the Whole meeting within Trust Council for the strategic planning session.

7.1.1 Draft June Trust Council 3-day Schedule

EC-2024-057

It was MOVED and SECONDED,
that Executive Committee amend the “Draft Islands Trust Council Schedule – June 18-20, 2024” by adding a short session on “Inclusive Decision Making” and invite MLA Adam Olsen to present on Tuesday, June 18th.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Draft March Trust Council Meeting Minutes

By general consent Executive Committee advanced the March 12-14, 2024, draft minutes as presented to Trust Council.

7.2 Planning Services - None

7.3 Administrative Services - None

7.4 Trust Area Services - None

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROJECTS

8.1 Trust Council Initiated

8.1.1 Executive

8.1.1.1 Strategic Planning Update

CAO Hotsenpiller provided an update on the Strategic Planning Session scheduled for June’s Trust Council meeting.

The following three documents were presented and discussed:

1. Corporate Planning Process Roadmap
2. Islands Trust Focus Areas and Strategic Directions 2025-2028
3. June 19 Agenda - Islands Trust Strategic Planning Session

Staff informed the Committee preparatory materials will be sent to all trustees, in advance of the Strategic Planning Session, preparing them for the session.

8.1.2 Trust Area Services

8.1.2.1 Policy Statement Committee of the Whole Meeting – Verbal update

This item was addressed after item 10. Correspondence in the agenda.

8.1.3 Planning Services - None

8.1.4 Administrative Services - None

8.2 Executive Committee Initiated - None

- 8.2.1 Executive
- 8.2.2 Trust Area Services
- 8.2.3 Planning Services
- 8.2.4 Administrative Services

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Executive/Trust Council

9.1.1 Invitation to Coast Salish Leaders for Discussion on Governance in the Trust Area - Notice of Motion

Trustee Elliott introduced the item. Funding considerations were discussed noting that Community 2 Community funds would be appropriate for this.

EC-2024-058

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that staff work with Trustee Elliott (and/or others) to explore interest and options and funding potential for First Nations leaders to potentially hosting a gathering to hear Coast Salish perspectives on vision and governance in the Islands in the Trust Area, in a separate session before or around September Trust Council 2024.

CARRIED

9.1.2 Preparation of an RFD for Trust Council regarding Disposition of Delegations - Verbal

Trustee Peterson introduced the item.

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Executive Committee request staff to prepare a request for decision for September Trust Council with options and a recommendation on policy for Disposition of Trust Council Delegations.

EC-2024-059

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the motion be amended by adding the words “to work with Vice-Chair Peterson and Chair Luckham to prepare a request” after the words “request staff”.

CARRIED

The question on the following motion, as amended, was then called:

EC-2024-060

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Executive Committee request staff to work with Vice-Chair Peterson and Chair Luckham to prepare a request for decision for September Trust Council with options and a recommendation on policy for Disposition of Trust Council Delegations.

CARRIED

9.1.3 Consideration of a session for a future Trust Council meeting on Protocols, MOUs, and Letters of Understanding or Agreement between Islands Trust and other agencies, governments, and First Nations - Verbal

Trustee Peterson introduced the item for discussion.

EC-2024-061

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Executive Committee request staff to prepare materials for a future Trust Council session on agreements with other agencies, governments and First Nations.

CARRIED

9.1.4 Review of fees bylaw policy for referrals from other agencies

Vice-Chair Elliott introduced the item, which was deferred from the April 24, 2024, Executive Committee meeting. The amendments to the fees bylaw does not address referral fees from other agencies. There have been examples at local trust committees where Islands Trust handling a referral for another agency, for example the Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch, fees have increased substantially for a change of use for their licence, which does not have to do with planning. Executive Committee sponsorship does not allow covering the cost.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Fees are authorized under the *Cannabis Control Licensing Act* and the *Liquor Control Licensing Act*
- Consideration of staff time to process such referrals is how the fee amounts were decided upon, not who the applicant is.
- Possibility of amending the fees bylaw
- The process to adjust fees

Vice-Chair Elliott will address this item with the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee.

The meeting recessed for break at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

9.1.5 Recovering Meeting Costs from Absent Trustees – BRF

Director of Administrative Services, Mobbs, presented the briefing.

Discussion ensued on the following items:

- Trustee participation at Trust Council.
- Financial considerations and cost recovery options.
- Trust Council policy regarding attendance.
- Code of Conduct; information on the topic within.
- The degree in which recovering costs and trustee in-person attendance is a problem.

EC-2024-062

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Executive Committee request staff to forward this (Recovering Meeting Costs from Absent Trustees BRF) briefing to Trust Council at the June meeting with the recommendation that it be forwarded to Governance Committee and Financial Planning Committee.

CARRIED

9.2 Trust Area Services

9.2.1 LTC Chairs Report on Local Advocacy Topics

Trustees provided brief reports.

9.3 Planning Services - None

9.4 Administrative Services

9.4.1 Trustee and CAO Expense Claims and MasterCard Charges - Approval Workflow Changes

Director of Administrative Services, Mobbs, provided a verbal update on new process changes coming.

The current approval process: Trust Council Chair will review and stamp for approval.

The new approval process: Expand approval authority to all Executive Committee members to even out workload.

The new process will be rolled out towards the end of the summer. Training sessions to be provided.

10. CORRESPONDENCE (for information unless raised for action)

10.1 2024-03-19 Islands Trust Conservancy Report to local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality

Received for information.

10.2 2024-04-25 F Attorp - Proposed Major Update to Salt Spring's OCP

Received for information.

10.3 2024-04-29 Justice Saunders - Canna Northwest Enterprise v Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee

Received for information.

10.4 2024-05-01 F Attorp - Message for Trust Council

Received for information.

10.5 2024-05-02 K Langereis - Former Trustees - Concerns About Sec 3

By general consent correspondence item 10.5 be forward to Trust Council under correspondence for the June Trust Council meeting.

10.6 2024-05-02 P Frinton - Consensus Agreement September 26, 2023 Islands Trust Object

By general consent correspondence item 10.6 be forward to all trustees via email.

Item 8.1.2.1 Policy Statement Committee of the Whole Meeting – Verbal update, was added to the agenda and discussed here.

8.1.2 Trust Area Services

8.1.2.1 Policy Statement Committee of the Whole Meeting – Verbal update

Director of Trust Area Services, Frater, presented the item for discussion.

The Committee discussed meeting logistics including who will chair and facilitate the meeting, and trustee interest in having legal counsel available for the duration of the meeting.

By general consent Chair Luckham to send an email to all trustees communicating how the Committee of the Whole meeting will be conducted.

EC-2024-063

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Executive Committee request staff to ensure legal counsel is available at the Committee of Whole discussion on May 30th, and provide opportunity for trustees to send staff questions on legal matters by May 21, 2024.

DEFEATED

Staff informed the Committee they received a question from a trustee regarding polling trustees for solicitation of topics, views, or items of interest in the draft Policy Statement document for discussion ahead of the meeting as to facilitate efficiency of conversation in the meeting. The Committee discussed options available.

By general consent staff to send the following questions to trustees via the Islands Trust News Letter in advance of the meeting:

1. Which policy areas of the draft Policy Statement require further clarification or elaboration?
2. Do you have any specific questions or concerns about the draft Policy Statement you'd like addressed in a staff presentation?

3. Do you have any preferences for the format or style of a staff presentation?
 - a. Highly detailed
 - b. Big-picture overview
 - c. Focused discussion
 - d. Other (please specify)
4. Is there anything else you'd like to share to help staff support trustees with a successful first discussion of the draft Policy Statement at the May 30 Committee of the Whole meeting?

11. WORK PROGRAM

11.1 Review and amendment of current work program

Received for information.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be held electronically on June 5, 2024, at 9:15 a.m.

EC-2024-064

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Executive Committee requests the meeting of June 5, 2024, be held as an in-person and electronic meeting.

CARRIED

13. CLOSED MEETING

EC-2024-065

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(i) of the Community Charter for the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and that staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened in open meeting at 3:11 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Alexandra Trifonidis, Acting Executive Coordinator/Recorder

Minutes are not official until adopted at a subsequent meeting.

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Executive Committee

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024
Location: Islands Trust Victoria Boardroom
200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC

Members Present: Peter Luckham, Chair, Thetis Trustee
Tobi Elliott, Vice-Chair, Gabriola Trustee
David Maude, Vice-Chair, Mayne Trustee
Timothy Peterson, Vice-Chair, Lasqueti Trustee

Staff Present: Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer
David Marlor, Director, Legislative Services
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services
Julia Mobbs, Director, Administrative Services (electronic attendance)
Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services (electronic attendance)
Alexandra Trifonidis, Executive Coordinator/Recorder

Members of the public present: A member of the public was present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m., and introduced trustees and staff.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Introduction of New Items

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- 10.1 Correspondence from Trustee Morrison dated May 30, 2024 re: Committee of the Whole
- 10.2 Correspondence from Trustee Morrison dated May 30, 2024 re: Timing and amendments
 - 7.2.1 2025/26 Draft Budget Guidelines (addendum item 11.2.3)
 - 7.2.2 Peter Pare Delegation PowerPoint Presentation (addendum item 5.1.2)
 - 7.2.3 Ronald Wright Delegation Speaking Notes (addendum item 5.1.4)
 - 7.2.4 September's Trust Council meeting location - RFD (addendum item 19.3.1)

2.2 Approval of Agenda

By general consent the agenda was adopted as amended.

2.2.1 Agenda Context Notes – None

3. RISE AND REPORT DECISIONS FROM PREVIOUSLY CLOSED MEETING

Chair Luckham to rise and report that at the Executive Committee May 15, 2024, in-camera meeting the April 24, 2024, in-camera meeting minutes were adopted as presented and the Committee received legal opinion.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Draft Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2024

The Executive Committee meeting minutes of May 15, 2024, were being reviewed by staff and will be added to the next meeting for review and adoption.

5. FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST AND UPDATES

5.1 Follow Up Action List/Director/CAO Updates

CAO Hotsenpiller and directors gave updates on their respective items in the Follow Up Action Report and provided verbal department reports.

5.2 Local Trust Committee Chair Updates

Local trust committee chairs provided updates on recently attended and upcoming local trust committee meetings acknowledging today is Islands Trust's 50th anniversary (June 5, 1974).

The meeting recessed for break at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

5.3 Islands Trust Conservancy Liaison Update

Starting Monday, June 10, 2024, Islands Trust Conservancy Manager, Kate Emmings will be away for a 15-month temporary assignment at the BC Conservation Data Centre. Newly hired Acting Islands Trust Conservancy Manager, Carolyn Stewart starts mid June. The provincially appointed board vacancy closes June 7th, 2024.

The Islands Trust Conservancy 10 year Regional Conservation Plan has a long list of items left to be completed. The Board decided from staffs' recommendation that the plan timeline be extended from 2027 to December 2029. Islands Trust Conservancy staff are currently focused on reconciliation, capacity building, and updating mapping and geographic information system (GIS). A large ongoing item of discussion over the last year is risk management policy for nature reserves.

6. BYLAWS FOR APPROVAL CONSIDERATION

6.1 Saturna Island Local Trust Committee - Bylaws 140 and 141 - RFD

Vice-Chair Maude, Chair of Saturna Island Local Trust Committee, introduced the bylaws noting this is in regards to succession planning for two families.

EC-2024-066

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Islands Trust Executive Committee approve Saturna Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 140, cited as "Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 1, 2023" in accordance with Section 27 of the *Islands Trust Act*.

CARRIED

EC-2024-067

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Islands Trust Executive Committee approve Saturna Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 141, cited as “Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 119, 2018, Amendment No. 2, 2023” in accordance with Section 27 of the *Islands Trust Act*.

CARRIED

6.2 Bowen Island Municipality - LUB Amendment Bylaw No. 653 - RFD

Director Planning Services, Cermak introduced the request for decision.

The Committee questioned a possible typo in bullet 4 on page 4 of the request for decision under item Key Issues/Concepts section. Staff confirmed the typo, noting the word ‘...may...’ should be taken out.

For clarity, staff informed the Committee that municipalities have a more narrow window of evaluation, and thus is why this bylaw was not referred to First Nations for comment.

EC-2024-068

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Executive Committee advise Bowen Island Municipality that Bylaw No. 653 cited as “Bowen Island Municipality Land Use Bylaw No. 57, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 653, 2024” is not contrary to or at variance with the Islands Trust Policy Statement.

CARRIED

7. TRUST COUNCIL MEETING PREPARATION

7.1 Draft June Trust Council 3-day Schedule

CAO Hotsenpiller confirmed all sessions for June’s Trust Council meeting are a go, noting that Premier Eby and Minister Kang send their regrets. Minister Kang expressed interest in attending the event, but logistically could not make it work with her schedule.

Trustees shared interest in meeting with Minister Kang at a future Trust Council meeting regarding the ongoing Trust Policy Statement and governance conversations.

The Committee spoke to Thursday’s schedule requesting the following changes:

- Deposition of Delegations section wording ‘...from previous Trust Council Meeting (March)’, be taken off the 3-day schedule
- Trustee Updates about Working in Cooperation with Others section be taken off the 3-day schedule but left on the agenda
- a break be inserted at 11:45 a.m.
- after the break all items to be moved up by 15 minutes
- end the meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- under New Business remove all placeholder information

7.2 Draft June Trust Council Agenda Items

Corresponding items and content to be found in the agenda addendum.

The Committee reviewed each item in the agenda addendum deciding to forward or amend items to June's Trust Council Quarterly Meeting agenda.

Starting at item 4, the Committee reached the following consensus on items listed:

4. GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Consent Agenda Items

4.1.1 March 2024 Trust Council Quarterly draft meeting minutes

4.1.2 Resolution without Meeting Report

4.2 Discussion / Decision Items

4.2.1 Trustee Roundtable

This section does not need to be forwarded to Trust Council as no materials are associated and is a standing item on the agenda.

By general consent the Committee forwarded items 4.1.1, 4.1.2 as presented to Trust Council.

5. ENGAGEMENT / COLLABORATION

5.1 Delegations

5.1.1 Ted Olynk - BC Hydro Operations Update

5.1.2 Peter Pare - The Gulf Islands Sue Big Oil Group

Andrew Gage from West Coast Environmental Law will present. The Committee requested staff review the content in the PowerPoint before Friday before forwarding to Trust Council.

5.1.3 Glenn Stevens - Clean and Safe Harbours Initiative

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee has previously heard from Mr. Stevens on this topic.

EC-2024-069

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Executive Committee approve the Glenn Stevens Clean and Safe Harbours Initiative delegation and recommends that he focus the presentation on his ask of Trust Council.

CARRIED

5.1.4 Ronald Wright - Keep Salt Spring Sustainable

5.1.5 Jennifer Margison - Friends of the Gulf Islands

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded items 5.1.1, 5.1.2 pending staff review of the presentation, 5.1.3 with the comment provided in the earlier motion, 5.1.4 as presented, and 5.1.5 as presented to Trust Council, with the associated presentation materials being circulated to trustees outside of the agenda package.

5.2 Public Comments

6. EXECUTIVE

6.1 Consent Agenda Items

6.1.1 Executive Committee Work Program Report

6.2 Discussion / Decision Items

6.2.1 Chief Administrative Officer's Report

6.2.2 Overview of Strategic Plan Initiatives 2018-2024 – BRF

The Committee requested the brief be reformatted and that the recommendation be changed for clarity.

6.2.3 Follow Up Action List Review – RFD

6.2.4 Trustee Access to Documents, Calendar and HTML Agendas – BRF

The Committee requested that in paragraph 3, under the Options section in the briefing, staff provide further clarity.

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded items 6.1.1, 6.2.1, 6.2.2 as amended, 6.2.3, 6.2.4 as amended, to Trust Council.

7. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

7.1 Governance Committee Chair's Report

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded item 7.1 as presented to Trust Council.

8. TRUST AREA SERVICES

8.1 Consent Agenda Items

8.1.1 Director of Trust Area Services Report

8.1.2 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report

8.1.3 Legislative Monitoring Report

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded items 8.1.1, 8.1.2, and 8.1.3 as presented to Trust Council.

8.2 Discussion / Decision Items

8.2.1 2023/24 Draft Annual Report - RFD

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded item 8.2.1 as presented to Trust Council when indorsed by Executive Committee.

8.2.2 Appointment to General Vessels Technical Working Group - RFD

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded item 8.2.2 as presented to Trust Council.

8.2.3 Islands Trust Conservancy

8.2.3.1 Islands Trust Conservancy Report

8.2.3.2 March 31, 2024 Audited Financial Statements of the Islands Trust Conservancy - BRF

8.2.3.3 Islands Trust Conservancy 5-Year Plan – BRF

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded items 8.2.3.1, 8.2.3.2, and 8.2.3.3 as presented to Trust Council.

9. INCLUSIVE DECISION MAKING SESSION

The presenter requested to change the title of the presentation to Inclusive Governance.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded the Strategic Planning Session material to Trust Council as presented.

The meeting recessed for break at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES / FINANCE

11.1 Consent Agenda Items

11.1.1 Director of Administrative Services Report

11.1.2 Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report

11.1.3 March 31, 2024 Financial Results - BRF

11.1.4 March 31, 2024 Allocated Financial Statements - BRF

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded items 11.1.1, 11.1.2, 11.1.3, and 11.1.4 as presented to Trust Council.

11.2 Discussion / Decision Items

11.2.1 March 31, 2024 Islands Trust Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report – RFD

11.2.2 Recovering Meeting Costs from Absent Trustees – RFD

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11.2.3 2025/26 Budget Guidelines – BRF

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded items 11.2.1, 11.2.2, and 11.2.3 as presented to Trust Council.

12. PLANNING SERVICES

12.1 Consent Agenda Items

12.1.1 Director of Planning Services Report

The Committee requested that the Operationalizing Reconciliation section be taken out of the report.

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded item 12.1.1 as amended to Trust Council.

The Committee requested that item 12.1.2 Regional Planning Committee Work Program be added to the agenda.

13. CLOSED MEETING

14. RISE AND REPORT

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Governance Structure of the Islands Trust Working Group or Subcommittee - RFD

15.2 Recommendations for Trust Council's Strategic Plan - Integrated Spatial Planning Approach - RFD

15.3 Ex-Officio members of Council Committees to be Non-voting

15.4 Dark Sky Principles Adoption Advocacy - RFD

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded items 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, and 15.4 as presented to Trust Council.

16. DISPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

17. CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 2024-05-02 K Langereis - Former Trustees Concerns About Section 3

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded item 17.1 as presented to Trust Council.

17.2 2024-05-17 K'ómoks First Nation Addition to Reserve Application Letter

EC-2024-070

It was MOVED and SECONDED,
that Executive Committee not forward item 17.2 to Trust Council, and that staff be requested to respond to the letter.

CARRIED

17.3 2024-05-30 R & J Laing - Draft Trust Policy Statement

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded item 17.3 as presented to Trust Council.

18. TRANSPORT CANADA PRESENTATION

19. SUMMARY / UPDATES

19.1 TRUSTEE UPDATES ABOUT WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH OTHERS

Written updates received for information only.

19.1.1 Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC)

Trustees Elliott, Maude and Patrick

19.1.2 Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region

19.1.3 Baynes Sound/Lambert Channel Ecosystem Forum

19.1.4 BC Ferries Advisory Committees

19.1.4.1 Gabriola Ferries Advisory Committees Report

Trustee Yates

19.1.5 First Nations Relations

19.1.6 Freighter Anchorages/Oceans Protection Plan (OPP)

19.1.7 Shellfish Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (SFAMAC)

19.1.8 Southern Gulf Islands Forum

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded items 19.1.1 and 19.1.4.1 as presented to Trust Council.

19.2 Trust Council Top Priorities Active Projects Chart

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded item 19.2 as presented to Trust Council.

19.3 Proposed September Trust Council 3-Day Program

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded item 19.3 as presented to Trust Council.

19.3.1 September's Trust Council meeting location - RFD

By general consent Executive Committee forwarded item 19.3.1 as presented to Trust Council.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROJECTS

8.1 Trust Council Initiated

8.1.1 Executive

8.1.1.1 Appointment of Deputy Secretary - Executive Office - RFD

EC-2024-071

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Executive Committee appoint Executive Coordinator, Alexandra Trifonidis as Deputy Secretary.

CARRIED

8.1.2 Trust Area Services

8.1.2.1 Deliberation on new draft of Policy Statement via Committee of the Whole meetings – RFD

Director Trust Area Services, Frater presented the request for decision. Committee discussion ensued on the following items:

- Scheduling considerations:
 - Planning further Committee of the Whole meetings keeping in mind trustee work schedules and allowing enough time for trustees to plan.
- Next steps and pace of the project meetings

EC-2024-072

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Executive Committee direct staff to schedule one Trust Council Committee of the Whole meeting after June Trust Council, polling Trustees with options for daytime, weekend and evenings, for consideration of the new draft of the Policy Statement and provision of recommendations to Trust Council.

CARRIED

Further discussion ensued on Committee of the Whole meeting logistics.

EC-2024-073

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Executive Committee request staff invite Trustees interested in chairing a future Committee of the Whole meeting to provide an expression of interest to the Exec Admin email, by June 17, 2024.

CARRIED

EC-2024-074

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Executive Committee direct staff to invite legal counsel to attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

8.1.3 Planning Services - None

8.1.4 Administrative Services - None

8.2 Executive Committee Initiated

8.2.1 Executive - None

8.2.2 Trust Area Services

8.2.2.1 Advocacy for provincial assistance re: heritage protection - BRF

By general consent Executive Committee deferred this item to an Executive Committee meeting in July.

8.2.2.2 Agreement with Snuneymuxw First Nation - RFD

EC-2024-075

It was MOVED and SECONDED,
that Executive Committee request staff to develop a protocol agreement in cooperation with Snuneymuxw First Nation's for Trust Council's consideration.

CARRIED

8.2.2.3 The 'Role of the Trust' Webinar - RFD

Director Frater presented the request for decision.

EC-2024-076

It was MOVED and SECONDED,
that the Executive Committee approve the Role of the Trust webinar project charter.

CARRIED

8.2.2.4 UBCM minister meeting requests - RFD

Director Frater presented the request for decision.
Discussion ensued on:

- Staff resources
- Priority of the Islands Trust

EC-2024-077

It was MOVED and SECONDED,
that Executive Committee request staff prepare minister meeting requests for submission by June 21, 2024, to meet with the following minister(s) at the 2024 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference in order of top 3 preferences:
(a) Premier Eby concerning the 50th anniversary and future of Islands Trust governance
(b) Minister of Municipal Affairs concerning Indigenous relations
(c) Minister of Health concerning gray water and composting toilet guidelines

CARRIED

- 8.2.3 Planning Services - None
- 8.2.4 Administrative Services - None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Executive/Trust Council - None

9.2 Trust Area Services

9.2.1 LTC Chairs Report on Local Advocacy Topics

Chair Luckham reported on local advocacy topics concerning Thetis Island.

9.3 Planning Services - None

9.4 Administrative Services - None

10. CORRESPONDENCE (for information unless raised for action)

10.1 2024-05-30 Trustee Morrison re: Committee of the Whole

The Committee addressed this item during item 8.1.2.1 on the agenda.

10.2 2024-0530 Trustee Morrison re: Timing and amendments

Executive Committee responded to the writer via email.

Staff noted a request for decision regarding approval of the content in Executive Committee's section in the Islands Trust Annual Report was not included on this agenda, and will be on Executive Committee's meeting agenda of June 18, 2024.

11. WORK PROGRAM

11.1 Review and amendment of current work program

Received for information.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be held in-person on June 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Harbour House Hotel on Salt Spring Island.

By general consent Executive Committee request to start the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

13. CLOSED MEETING (if applicable)

EC-2024-078

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(c)(g) and (i) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to employee relations, litigation affecting the Islands Trust and receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and that staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

DRAFT

The meeting was closed to the public at 2:32 p.m. and reconvened in open meeting at 2:59 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Luckham adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct:

Alexandra Trifonidis, Executive Coordinator/Recorder

Minutes are not official until adopted at a subsequent meeting.

Follow Up Action Report

Executive Committee

Chief Administrative Officer

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	1 Explore future education/workshop sessions on decision-making to benefit trustees.	Russ Hotsenpiller	Meeting: 24-May-2023 Target: 26-Sep-2023	In Progress
100%	2 CAO to send trustees information on the strategic planning session, to be held on the Wednesday of June's Trust Council, including supporting documents and questions in preparation of the session.	Russ Hotsenpiller	Meeting: 15-May-2024 Target: 05-Jun-2024	Completed

Director Legislative Services

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	1 Staff to forward the draft Code of Conduct to Trust Council Committee of the Whole in June 2024 for discussion and recommendation to Trust Council. On hold pending work of the Governance committee on the Code of Conduct, also planned for June/July.	David Marlor	Meeting: 24-Apr-2024 Target: 07-Jun-2024	In Progress
0%	2 Staff to work with Chair Luckham and Vice Chair Elliott to respond to correspondent Rapport regarding Trust Council's response to serious concerns.	Clare Frater David Marlor	Meeting: 24-Apr-2024 Target: 18-Jun-2024	In Progress
0%	3 Staff to work with Vice-Chair Peterson and Chair Luckham to prepare a request for decision for September Trust Council with options and a recommendation on policy for Disposition of Trust Council Delegations.	David Marlor	Meeting: 15-May-2024 Target: 01-Sep-2024	In Progress
0%	4 Staff to prepare materials for a future Trust Council session on agreements with other agencies, governments and First Nations.	David Marlor	Meeting: 15-May-2024 Target: 01-Sep-2024	In Progress

Follow Up Action Report

Executive Committee

Director Legislative Services

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	5 Staff to respond directly to letter: 2024-05-17 K'ómoks First Nation Addition to Reserve Application Letter by June 10, 2024 As per EC, staff are not to forward the letter to the June Trust Council agenda. *Left a message with KFN informing them the response letter will be provided by weeks end, June 14, 2024 at the latest.	David Marlor	Meeting: 05-Jun-2024 Target: 10-Jun-2024	In Progress

Director of Planning Services

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
25%	1 Staff to: a) evaluate the implications of a longer referral response window, and; b) consider how Trust Council and local trust committees (LTC's) might consult with First Nations to better understand what changes to the current referral process should be made to both improve communication and to further reconciliation, and report back to Trust Council.	Clare Frater Stefan Cermak	Meeting: 29-Jun-2023 Target: 05-Sep-2024	In Progress
0%	2 Staff to provide to Executive Committee and Islands Trust Conservancy options for sharing GIS resources.	Stefan Cermak	Meeting: 31-Jan-2024 Target: 30-Sep-2024	In Progress
100%	3 Inform Saturna LTC that Bylaws No. 140 and 141 were approved by Executive Committee, and inform BIM that Executive Committee approved BIM LUB Amendment Bylaw No. 653.	Stefan Cermak	Meeting: 05-Jun-2024 Target: 12-Jun-2024	Completed

Follow Up Action Report

Executive Committee

Director, Administrative Services

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	1 Review Islands Trust Policy 6.5.2 as a whole and specifically make recommendations to amend the policy to ensure the policy is clear in regards to the process and decision making authority related to proposed 'overspends' for any particular budget item.	Julia Mobbs	Meeting: 21-Oct-2020 Target: 18-Sep-2024	In Progress

Follow Up Action Report

Executive Committee

Director, Trust Area Services

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	1 Staff to work with trustees to organize two film screenings of the movie Dust n Bones and reconciliation discussions subject to support of affected local trust committees. (A grant in aid of 4,500 (from History and Heritage Grants in Aid program was provided in 2020 to host screenings on three islands but due to Covid-19 restrictions only one screening occurred.) EC previously indicated interest from Gabriola and Salt Spring Islands. As SSI LTC and Gabriola LTC initially expressed an interest in hosting a screening, Vice Chairs Peterson and Elliott will assess if the interest remains and will be involved in outreach and organizing those screenings.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 26-Feb-2020 Target: 28-Mar-2025	In Progress
0%	2 Investigate options for policies or policy updates for formal opportunities for First Nations presentations and engagement at Trust Council meetings.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 07-Oct-2021 Target: 28-Mar-2025	In Progress
0%	3 Staff to develop policy regarding s. 8 (2) (h.1) (iii) and (iv) of the Islands Trust Act. This request responded to changes to the Islands Trust Act to give Trust Council new discretionary powers relating to supporting and give financial assistance to others to (iii)engage in activities to gain knowledge about the unique amenities and environment of the trust area and to increase public awareness, understanding and appreciation of the unique amenities and environment; (iv)preserve and protect the unique amenities and environment of the trust area. Executive Committee has discussed there may be an opportunity to concurrently review the secretariat services, and grants in aid policies with the intention of identifying administrative efficiencies.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 12-Apr-2022 Target: 03-Dec-2024	In Progress

Follow Up Action Report

Executive Committee

Director, Trust Area Services

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
25%	4 Staff to: a) evaluate the implications of a longer referral response window, and; b) consider how Trust Council and local trust committees (LTC's) might consult with First Nations to better understand what changes to the current referral process should be made to both improve communication and to further reconciliation, and report back to Trust Council.	Clare Frater Stefan Cermak	Meeting: 29-Jun-2023 Target: 05-Sep-2024	In Progress
0%	5 Staff to add to a future EC agenda: Honoraria for Indigenous elders providing welcomes or presentations at local trust committee meetings.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 20-Dec-2023 Target: 21-Aug-2024	In Progress
0%	6 Staff to develop a project charter for a webinar in 2024 on the role of Islands Trust.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 20-Dec-2023 Target: 31-Mar-2024	In Progress
0%	7 Staff to send an invitation to San Juan County to attend Trust Council in June or Sept and indicate their preference.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 31-Jan-2024 Target: 12-Mar-2024	In Progress
0%	8 Deliver a two hour webinar to trustees, regarding the legislative framework of, and responsibilities under, the Canadian Species at Risk Act.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 27-Mar-2024 Target: 10-Sep-2024	In Progress
0%	9 Prepare a project charter for a project that requests the Province for NAPTEP funding changes. Apply for one-time Grant for Local Governments to Advance Biodiversity Conservation on Private Lands in preparation for request to Province.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 27-Mar-2024 Target: 03-Jul-2024	In Progress

Follow Up Action Report

Executive Committee

Director, Trust Area Services

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	10 Staff to schedule a special meeting of Executive Committee, after the Trust Council Committee of the Whole meeting (May 2024), for consideration of next steps of the draft Policy Statement project.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 17-Apr-2024 Target: 15-Jun-2024	In Progress
0%	11 Staff to work with Chair Luckham and Vice Chair Elliott to respond to correspondent Rapport regarding Trust Council's response to serious concerns.	Clare Frater David Marlor	Meeting: 24-Apr-2024 Target: 18-Jun-2024	In Progress
0%	12 Staff to work with Trustee Elliott (and/or others) to explore interest and options and funding potential for First Nations leaders to potentially hosting a gathering to hear Coast Salish perspectives on vision and governance in the Islands in the Trust Area, in a separate session before or around September Trust Council 2024.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 15-May-2024 Target: 01-Sep-2024	In Progress
0%	13 Staff to schedule one Trust Council Committee of the Whole meeting after June's Trust Council, polling trustees for day and evening availability for consideration of the new draft of the Policy Statement and provision of recommendations to Trust Council.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 05-Jun-2024 Target: 12-Jun-2024	In Progress
100%	14 Staff to invite trustees interested in chairing a future Committee of the Whole meeting be asked to provide an expression of interest to the Exec Admin email address by June 17, 2024.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 05-Jun-2024 Target: 12-Jun-2024	Completed
0%	15 Staff to invite legal counsel to attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 05-Jun-2024 Target: 31-Jul-2024	In Progress
0%	16 Staff to develop a protocol agreement in cooperation with Snuneymuxw First Nation's for Trust Council's consideration.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 05-Jun-2024 Target: 30-Sep-2024	In Progress

Follow Up Action Report

Executive Committee

Director, Trust Area Services

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	17 Staff to prepare minister meeting requests for submission by June 21, 2024, to meet with the following minister(s) at the 2024 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference in order of top 3 preferences: (c) Minister of Health concerning gray water and composting toilet guidelines (b) Minister of Municipal Affairs concerning indigenous relations (a) Premier concerning 50th anniversary and future of Islands Trust governance	Clare Frater	Meeting: 05-Jun-2024 Target: 21-Jun-2024	In Progress
0%	18 Inform staff that Executive Committee approved the Role of the Trust webinar project charter.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 05-Jun-2024 Target: 12-Jun-2024	In Progress

REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Executive Committee

For the Meeting of: June 18, 2024

From: Trust Area Services

Date Prepared: June 7, 2024

SUBJECT: 2023/24 Annual Report Content

RECOMMENDATION: That the Executive Committee approves the following sections for the 2023/24 Annual Report: Message from the Islands Trust Council Chair; Message from the Chief Administrative Officer; The Islands Trust Area; Organization and Responsibility; 2023/24 Key Accomplishments; Islands Trust Council; Bowen Island Municipality; Legislative Services - Administrative Fairness and Freedom of Information; and Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement; and approves inclusion of Appendix A: Strategic Plan 2018–2022 (without the implementation table).

CAO COMMENTS: The recommendation is consistent with Trust Council's [Annual Report Policy 6.10](#). In prior year's staff have not sought explicit Executive Committee approval of the sections noted in the recommendation, assuming implicit approval via the vote to forward the entire annual report to Trust Council. This approach ensures a more organizationally consistent and deliberative review process for each section of the report.

- 1. PURPOSE:** To seek approval from the Executive Committee of sections of the 2023/24 annual report not approved by other bodies.

BACKGROUND: Preparation of the Islands Trust Annual Report is undertaken by Trust Area Services communications staff, reporting to the Executive Committee and consistent with Trust Council's [Annual Report Policy 6.10.1](#). The Executive Committee approved the format and outline of the 2023/24 Annual Report at its meeting on February 23, 2024.

The sections noted in the resolution are written in a manner consistent with previous years.

2. IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

ORGANIZATIONAL: Under Trust Council's Policy, all Trust bodies are expected to review and approve their sections at regular meetings or by resolution without meeting in order to have the report approved by Trust Council at its June 2024 meeting.

FINANCIAL: No financial implications

POLICY: No policy implications.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATIONS: Staff have already forwarded the annual report to Trust Council for approval and will convey any amendments verbally.

FIRST NATIONS: No implications for First Nations relations. There is a section in the report on reconciliation activities.

OTHER: None.

3. RELEVANT POLICY(S): [Annual Report Policy 6.10](#)

4. ATTACHMENT(S):

Please see draft annual report attached.

RESPONSE OPTIONS

Recommended:

That the Executive Committee approves the following sections for the 2023/24 Annual Report: Message from the Islands Trust Council Chair; Message from the Chief Administrative Officer; The Islands Trust Area; Organization and Responsibility; 2022/23 Key Accomplishments; Islands Trust Council; Bowen Island Municipality; Legislative Services - Administrative Fairness and Freedom of Information; and Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement; and approves inclusion of Appendix A: Strategic Plan 2018–2022 (without the implementation table).

Alternative:

That the Executive Committee approves the following sections for the 2023/24 Annual Report: Message from the Islands Trust Council Chair; Message from the Chief Administrative Officer; The Islands Trust Area; Organization and Responsibility; 2022/23 Key Accomplishments; Islands Trust Council; Legislative Services - Administrative Fairness and Freedom of Information; and Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement; and approves inclusion of Appendix A: Strategic Plan 2018–2022 (without the implementation table).
[insert 'as amended' for sections requiring changes]

Prepared By: Morgana van Niekerk, Communications Specialist, June 7, 2024

Reviewed By/Date: Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services, June 7, 2024
Russ Hotsenpiller, CAO, June 7, 2024

Islands Trust 2023-24 Annual Report

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Reconciliation Declaration

Islands Trust Council acknowledges that the lands and waters that encompass the Islands Trust Area have been home to Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial and honours the rich history, stewardship, and cultural heritage that embody this place we all call home.

The Islands Trust Council is committed to establishing and maintaining mutually respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Islands Trust states a commitment to reconciliation with the understanding that this commitment is a long-term relationship-building and healing process. The Islands Trust Council will strive to create opportunities for knowledge-sharing and understanding as people come together to preserve and protect the special nature of the islands within the Salish Sea.

Adopted: March 14, 2019 Trust Council on Gabriola Island

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Message from the Islands Trust Council Chair

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I am a resident of Thetis Island where I live and work on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish People particularly that of the Penelakut Tribe and Lyackson First Nation. After 36 years, my gratitude for this place remains strong and as the elected Chair of Islands Trust Council, I feel privileged to work in these communities and uphold the Islands Trust's preserve and protect mandate.

As Chair of the Islands Trust, it is my privilege to present to you our annual report for the year 2023-2024.

This past year has been marked by both challenges and achievements as we continue our commitment to preserving and protecting the unique beauty and ecological integrity of the Trust Area. The dedication and resilience of my fellow trustees, Islands Trust staff, and community members has allowed us to continue to fulfill the preserve and protect mandate.

By working closely with local governments and stakeholders, we have encouraged responsible land use planning and infrastructure development that respects the ecological sensitivities of island ecosystems.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to building upon the progress we have made and tackling the challenges that lie ahead. As we navigate the complexities of climate change, housing affordability, biodiversity loss, and development pressures, we recognize the importance of collaboration and collective action in safeguarding the ecological health and cultural heritage of the Trust Area while supporting communities.

In closing, I am proud of what has been accomplished and optimistic about the future. By continuing to work together with purpose and determination, I am confident that we can build a sustainable future for the Trust Area that honors our shared values and respects the interconnectedness of all life.



Peter Luckham

Chair, Islands Trust Council

Message from the Chief Administrative Officer

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the administration of Islands Trust, I am pleased to introduce the 2023-2024 Annual Report.

Over the past 8 years, it has been my privilege to work with the Islands Trust staff who share a common commitment to preserving and protecting the unique character and ecological integrity of the Islands Trust Area.

This past year has been no exception. It has been a busy year as Islands Trust has continued to promote environmental stewardship, community engagement, and responsible land use planning. Our focus also includes internal improvement. To this end, Islands Trust has adopted the development of a corporate planning framework, which seeks to more clearly link project identification and program development with budget and monitoring processes. From the implementation of new administrative strategies to better support communities, to the enhancement of public outreach programs, we have remained steadfast in our dedication to serving the needs of island communities while safeguarding the ecosystems of the islands.

Reconciliation work remains a dominant theme of Islands Trust in 2023 and beyond. Integral for a land use agency like Islands Trust is improving engagement and collaboration and supporting a truly effective land use referral process.

The process of amending the Policy Statement, initiated in late 2019, is still underway. Given that this project spans across two terms of Council, it is important for the revised document to align with the values and priorities of this Trust Council. Equally important is ensuring that it accurately reflects the interests of the community, First Nations, and the Province. We're looking forward to the public engagement portion of this process and hearing directly from community members.

On January 1, 2024, Islands Trust became a member of the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (MIABC). MIABC provide insurance services for local governments in British Columbia, as well as a host of tools and services to assist with reducing risk. As a member, Islands Trust has begun to adjust its approach to risk management for contracts, records management and management of Islands Trust Conservancy properties with the support of MIABC.

As we look to the future, I see the continued evolution of Islands Trust as it continues to adapt and respond to the ever-changing needs and challenges facing island communities and the region.

I will close by thanking my colleagues, the staff at the Islands Trust for their good work and good humour, and their unrelenting dedication to the mandate of the Islands Trust.

As I prepare to retire from this role, I am particularly grateful for the support of trustees, staff, volunteers, and community partners, whose efforts have been instrumental in protecting and preserving the Trust Area.



Russ Hotsenpiller
Chief Administrative Officer

The Islands Trust Area

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Acknowledgement

The Islands Trust Area is located within the treaty lands and territories of the *the BOKÉĆEN, Cowichan Tribes, K'ómoks, Lyackson, MÁLEXEL, Qualicum, scəwəθən, səlilwətəł, SEMYOME, shíshálh, Skwxwú7mesh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Songhees, Spune'luxutth', SḶÁUTW, Stz'uminus, łaʔəmen, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, WJOLÉLP, WSIKEM, Xeláltxw, Xwémalhkwu, Xwsepsum, and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm First Nations.*

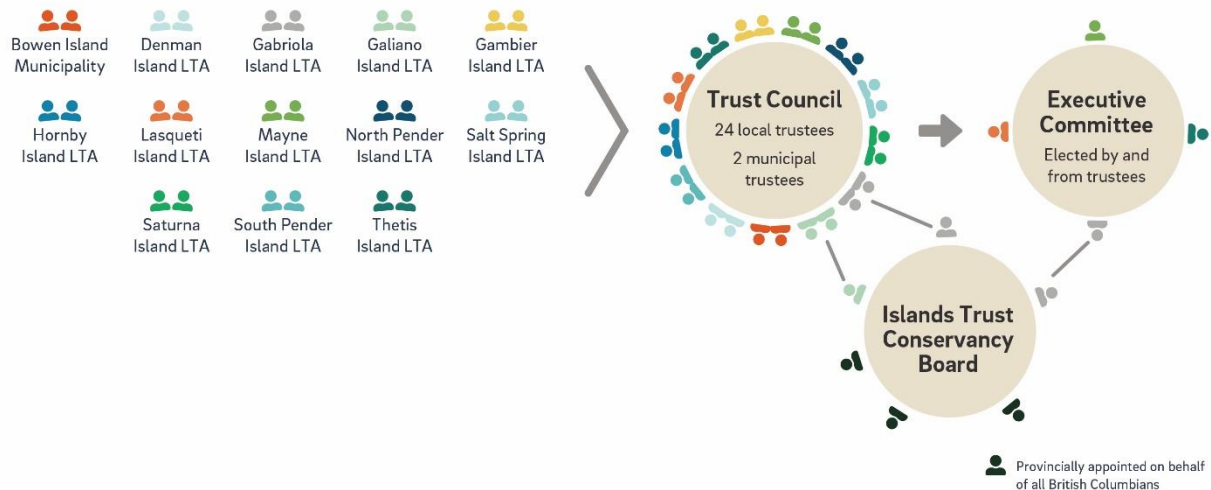
The Islands Trust Area, located within Coast Salish territory, is the homeland of many Coast Salish Peoples who have called this area home since time immemorial. Covering 5,200 square kilometres between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island, the Trust Area has over 30,000 residents and 10,000 non-resident property owners. The region features many archaeological and culturally significant sites and endangered ecosystems. Located within the Salish Sea, the Islands Trust Area is a unique and special place — a scenic archipelago of 13 large islands and more than 450 smaller islands and islets. The area provides habitat for an exceptional variety of species: more than 200 types of migratory and resident birds, numerous fish and other marine and intertidal life, as well as terrestrial wildlife and vegetation. Outstanding scenery and recreational resources include panoramic viewpoints, sheltered bays, and protected marine waterways and anchorages, all of which contribute to the beauty, appeal, and tranquillity of the area.

The unique natural environment of the islands in the Salish Sea has given the area national recognition. Realizing this, the Government of British Columbia enacted special protective legislation in 1974, entitled the Islands Trust Act. The Act states that the Object of Islands Trust is to “preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with the municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, First Nations, other persons and organizations, and the Government of British Columbia.”

Organization and Responsibilities

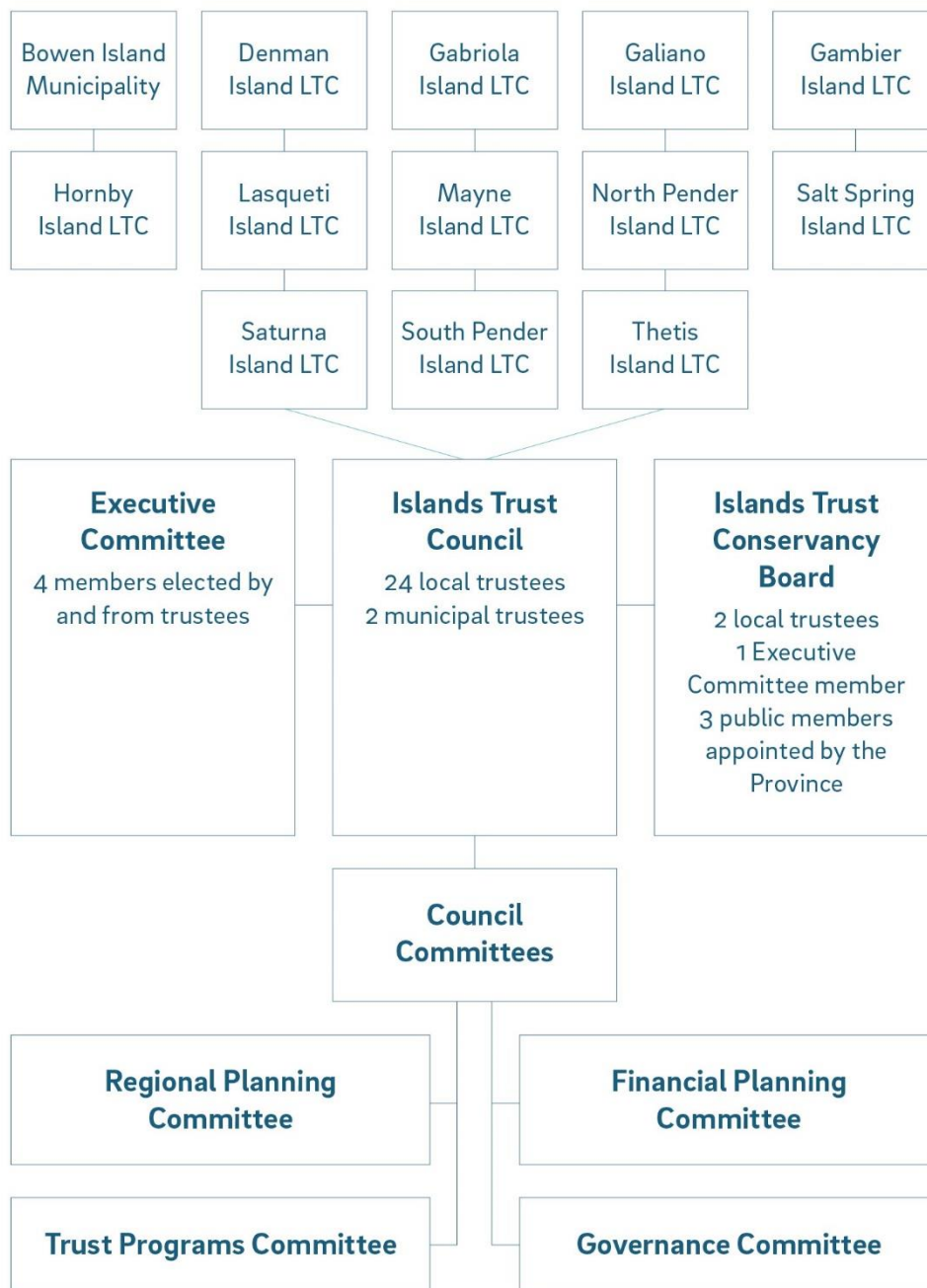
DRAFT FOR APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Islands Trust is a unique federation of 12 special-purpose local government bodies and Bowen Island Municipality, all of which plan land use and regulate development in the Islands Trust Area. Islands Trust consists of several distinct corporate entities: Islands Trust Council, Executive Committee, 12 local trust committees, Bowen Island Municipality, and Islands Trust Conservancy.



Like other communities in British Columbia, island communities elect their local representatives every four years. Each group of islands, designated as a local trust area or island municipality, elects two local trustees. For the 12 local trust areas, the two local trustees, together with an appointed chair from the Executive Committee, are responsible for the land use decisions within their local area. For Bowen Island Municipality, the two local trustees are part of a seven-member council responsible for all functions of a local government, including land use decisions. Each local trust committee and Bowen Island Municipality has jurisdictional authority for the smaller islands and waters surrounding the major island in that area.

Islands Trust Legislative Structure



2023–2024 Key Accomplishments

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In 2023–2024, Islands Trust made progress on Trust Council’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan and the Islands Trust Conservancy’s Regional Conservation Plan.

Highlights of this progress included:

- Further engagement with First Nations on the new draft of the Policy Statement
- Trust Council formed a new Chief Administrative Officer Hiring Committee (CAOHC) to begin the process of hiring a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). The CAOHC consists of the Executive Committee (EC) and the chairs of Trust Council’s four standing committees.
- Trust Council amended its meeting procedure bylaw to include Committee of the Whole as a meeting type to provide opportunities for trustees to meet in a less formal, discussion-oriented meeting
- Local trust committees updated their fees bylaws
- Islands Trust mailed a “Living in the Trust Area” information package to new property owners across the Trust Area
- Islands Trust Council endorsed a Housing Strategic Action Plan to guide Trust-wide housing policy development and advocacy that supports Trust Council’s goal to sustain island character and healthy communities
- Islands Trust Council approved the Islands Trust Communications Strategy
- Islands Trust Conservancy added Larmour Lands Nature Reserve on Salt Spring Island and registered two conservation covenants
- Islands Trust Conservancy expanded the existing Nighthawk Hill covenant on North Pender Island, which was created under the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program in 2012, to double the protected area and include a small wetland
- Islands Trust Conservancy also registered a covenant on South Pender Island, co-held with the Habitat Acquisition Trust, to add an extra layer of protection to the Capital Regional District’s Brooks Point Regional Park

Number ITC Nature Reserves: 34

Area protected in Islands Trust Conservancy Nature Reserves: 692.66 ha

Number Islands Trust Conservancy conservation covenants: 79

Area protected by Islands Trust Conservancy conservation covenants: 696.78 ha

Islands Trust Council

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 26-member Islands Trust Council establishes general policies for carrying out the Object of Islands Trust. Islands Trust Council also adopts an operational budget for Islands Trust and manages the financial undertakings of all parts of Islands Trust, except for Islands Trust Conservancy, which manages its own operations. Islands Trust Council appoints staff and auditors and adopts an annual budget. Tax levies on properties within the Trust Area are the primary funding source for the operations of Islands Trust. Additional revenue comes from a provincial grant, other grants, and development application fees.

The Islands Trust Act requires Islands Trust Council to implement the Trust Policy Statement that is applicable to the whole Trust Area. The Minister of Municipal Affairs approves it before the Policy Statement is adopted. The Policy Statement provides broad policy guidelines for Islands Trust Council, Executive Committee, local trust committees, and island municipalities. The positions and philosophy of Islands Trust Council contained in the Policy Statement also constitute a policy framework for reference by the public and other agencies, such as the regional districts of the Islands Trust Area, the province, and its agencies.

Islands Trust Council has four standing committees of trustees—Regional Planning Committee, Trust Programs Committee, Governance Committee, and Financial Planning Committee—which provide policy advice to Trust Council on a range of issues.

Members of Islands Trust Council – 2022-2026

Bowen Local Trust Area	Sue Ellen Fast, Judith Gedy
Denman Local Trust Area	Sam Borthwick, David Graham
Gabriola Local Trust Area	Tobi Elliott, Susan Yates
Galiano Local Trust Area	Lisa Gauvreau, Ben Mabblerley
Gambier Local Trust Area	Joe Bernardo, Kate-Louise Stamford
Hornby Local Trust Area	Alex Allen, Grant Scott
Lasqueti Local Trust Area	Mikaila Lironi, Timothy Peterson
Mayne Local Trust Area	Jeanine Dodds, David Maude
North Pender Local Trust Area	Aaron Campbell, Deb Morrison
Salt Spring Local Trust Area	Jamie Harris, Laura Patrick
Saturna Local Trust Area	Mairead Boland, Lee Middleton
South Pender Local Trust Area	Kristina Evans, Dag Falck
Thetis Local Trust Area	Ken Hunter, Peter Luckham

Reconciliation and Relationship Building

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

From shore to shore across the Salish Sea, First Nations communities have called this place home since time immemorial. Their village sites, harvesting areas, and gathering places reflect the abundance and beauty of their homelands, treaty lands, and territories.

After passing a Reconciliation Declaration on March 14, 2019, on Gabriola Island, Trust Council adopted the Reconciliation Action Plan 2019–2022. Islands Trust commits to realizing the important work of reconciliation and doing so with humility and respect for the people and the place where we live. This year, Islands Trust continued to focus on foundational work and continued amending processes and policies in collaboration with First Nations.

Highlights include:

Engagement with First Nations

- Islands Trust staff continued engagement with First Nations on a wide variety of local trust committee projects, and also met with a number of First Nations about the draft new Policy Statement
- Islands Trust staff engaged in discussions with staff of various First Nations regarding development of cooperative policy and practices that will create more meaningful and respectful relationships, prioritize cultural heritage protection, and promote collaborative engagement
- Islands Trust invited all First Nations in the Trust Area to engage on the second draft of the Islands Trust Policy Statement, and worked with interested Nations
- The Islands Trust Chair, Vice-Chairs and Islands Trust Conservancy Chair jointly sent customized letters to each First Nation inviting leadership to leadership meetings for collaboration on Islands Trust Policy Statement, the Islands Trust Conservancy Plan and applicable official community plan updates
- The Islands Trust Conservancy Board amended policies related to assessment of conservation proposals, negotiation of conservation covenants and management of land to require early engagement with First Nations
- The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee worked with Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) to co-develop amendments to the Gambier Island Official Community Plan
- The Hornby and Denman Island Local Trust Committees reached agreement with K'ómoks First Nation to seek their early involvement in amendments to their Official Community Plans
- The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee has had discussions with Penelakut Tribe (Spune'luxutth) on several major applications and a project

- Islands Trust continued piloting the use of providing capacity funding to First Nations to support early engagement on projects
- Islands Trust Council initiated a Reconciliation Learning Group in order to support trustees with gaining the skills, knowledge and cultural competencies needed to support positive relationships

2023 – 2024 Advocacy

Islands Trust Council's advocacy program is guided by the Islands Trust Policy Statement, which states: *to achieve its Object, Islands Trust must be an educator, co-ordinator, and initiator, guiding individuals, organizations, and other agencies in support of the Object. While Islands Trust can provide the necessary leadership, responsibility for stewardship of the Trust Area rests with many. Individuals, other government agencies, organizations, and the Province itself, all have important roles to play. Cooperative actions are required of other agencies, organizations, and individuals to ensure that activities are carried out in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of Trust Area ecosystems and island communities.*

It is also guided by the Islands Trust Advocacy Policy (Policy 6.10.iii). In 2023/24, Islands Trust Council/Executive Committee advanced advocacy priorities by writing to: request an extension to the public consultation period respecting the proposed Changes to flight paths in Greater Vancouver Region, Southern Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast; provide feedback on the provincial Coastal Marine Strategy Intentions paper; provide feedback on the Watershed Security Strategy and Fund Intentions paper, and to express support for provincial efforts to address cumulative impacts related to provincial dock tenure decisions in the Southern Gulf Islands, and to request to be involved in next steps regarding studies and public engagement. In addition, Islands Trust Council and Bowen Island Municipality jointly wrote a letter to the Environmental Assessment Office regarding Condition 39 for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project- Existing Shorelines Conditions Report.

In addition, Islands Trust forwarded a resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, requesting that the Province review the Manual of Composting Toilets and Greywater Practice and provide funding for demonstration projects and professional development for practitioners.

The Chair also responded to various letters from people and agencies on decisions made that responded to previous advocacy requests.

Local trust committees also sent advocacy letters on a range of topics.

All advocacy letters are available on the Islands Trust website.

Climate Action

Islands Trust and Islands Trust Conservancy have been working to mitigate climate change and the impacts on oceans and shorelines, forests and wetlands, and island communities, through a number of initiatives and programs.

Protecting natural areas through acquisitions and covenants. The Islands Trust Conservancy continues to protect mature and maturing forests, wetlands, and habitat transition zones which help store carbon and are vital to maintaining ecosystem health.

Continuing to apply a climate action lens to land use planning in a variety of ways. This includes proposed updates to the Islands Trust Policy Statement, which if applied, would promote consideration of greater climate resilience for ecosystems and the communities that depend on them. The Freshwater Sustainability Strategy serves as a framework of objectives and actions directed toward preserving and protecting freshwater assets that are inherently susceptible to a changing climate. As part of the strategy, the Groundwater Sustainability Science Program has provided data and analysis to inform planning policies focussed on addressing vulnerabilities of groundwater in a changing climate. All land use planning staff reports now include sections on climate change adaptation and mitigation, and staff recommendations are based on best practices for mitigating and adapting to climate change.

Islands Trust is acting on its ongoing commitment to carbon neutrality with internal operations, and is a signatory to the B.C. Climate Action Charter. During 2023/24, most meetings were held electronically, which reduced carbon emissions associated with travel to and from workplaces. Staff also reduced paper consumption by using electronic meeting management software.

Delegations and Presentations to Islands Trust Council in 2023-24

Members of the public are encouraged to make delegation presentations and participate in public comment sessions at each quarterly meeting of Islands Trust Council to promote dialogue between islanders and Trustees.

Trust Council engaged communities by visiting projects and initiatives on Gabriola and North Pender which align with the preserve and protect mandate.

Chair Luckham wrote thank-you letters to delegations received at Trust Council's quarterly meetings which addressed topics such as the Islands Trust Policy Statement, stewardship, Section 3 of the *Islands Trust Act* - the Object, Islands Trust governance, freshwater, and the Sue Big Oil initiative.

June 2023 - Quarter 1, Trust Council convened on Gabriola Island at The Haven Centre

- A delegation presentation by Julia Nicholls on behalf of Island's Forests Stewards addressed Council regarding governance and forests in the Trust Area

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Director, Brent Mueller, presented to Trust Council on local governments and Reconcili-Action
- Lisa Bhopalsingh, Director of Community Development with the City of Nanaimo gave a PowerPoint presentation titled “Reconciliation through Relationships” and spoke to building relational foundations with First Nations
- Trust Council members engaged with the following community programs on Gabriola Island:
 - Gabriola Island Recycling Organization (GIRO) and its C2C “cradle to cradle” circular economy textile initiative
 - Climate 12-12-12 a Sustainable Gabriola initiative addressing climate action
 - A visit to Petroglyph Park at Gabriola Museum

September 2023 – Quarter 2, Trust Council met at the Pender Islands Community Hall on North Pender Island

Delegation presentations were received from the following groups and individuals:

- On behalf of Pender Forest Stewards, Andy Nowak spoke to residents concerns about the supply and quality of water requesting protection of island watersheds
- Dave Manning, coordinator for Eagle Watch, a project to locate and monitor Bald Eagle nests in the Islands Trust Area called for preservation of the Douglas-fir habitats which are home to eagles and other raptors
- Friends of the Gulf Islands Society, Jennifer Margison, President, requested Trust Council proactively address recommendations made in the 2022 Governance Review Report
- Peter Pare requested Trust Council join a class action lawsuit being supported by many British Columbia municipalities to sue big oil companies to change business practices which have contributed to heat waves, wildfires, drought, and flooding

Trust Council members engaged with the following community programs on North Pender Island:

- Visited the KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest, a 45-acre protected property on S,DÁYES for a 30 minute hike and presentation by the Raincoast Conservation Foundation, Program Director, Shauna Doll and Erin O’Brian, Ecology and Conservation Director with Pender Islands Conservancy
- Attended a guided bus tour of Magic Lake Estates presented by Mary Beth Rondeau, Secretary of the Magic Lake Estates Property Owners’ Society (MLPOS), highlighting infrastructure updates including water, sewer and recreational park improvements.

December 2023 – Quarter 3, Trust Council held its meeting in Victoria

- San Juan County Chair, Jane Fuller and Councilor Cindy Wolf joined Trust Council electronically and discussed cross-boarder interests including tanker traffic and oil spill mitigation.

Members of the public addressed Trust Council on a variety of topics including the following:

- The 2022 Governance Review Report
- Delays being experienced in posting of meeting recordings
- Trust Council's deliberations regarding Section 3 of the *Islands Trust Act*

March 2024 – Quarter 4, Trust Council met in Nanaimo

- Presenting as a delegation on behalf of Gulf Islands Alliance, Ian Pearce addressed Trust Council's statement regarding Section 3 of the *Islands Trust Act* which Council made at Q2 meeting

Policy Statement Amendment Process

In 2019, Islands Trust launched the Policy Statement Amendment Project (Islands 2050) to update the Islands Trust Policy Statement to adapt to current and future challenges and opportunities, and to reflect its commitments related to Reconciliation, climate change, and affordable housing. To date, the Policy Statement Amendment Project has involved three rounds of public engagement, three rounds of First Nations engagement, as well as engagement with other partner agencies.

The Islands Trust Policy Statement lists the policies that Trust Council uses to carry out its special provincial mandate to preserve and protect the unique amenities and environment of Islands Trust Area, as outlined in the Islands Trust Act. The Policy Statement shapes land and marine use planning across the Trust Area by guiding the development of local official community plans and bylaws, as well as Trust Council's intergovernmental collaboration and advocacy.

The Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project continued to be a priority for Islands Trust Council in 2023-24, involving early and ongoing engagement with First Nations, updating the project webpage with further information and background materials, and the crafting of an updated draft of the Policy Statement to incorporate direction requested by the Islands Trust Council through 32 resolutions passed at the June and September 2022 Trust Council meetings.

To support further public engagement, Trust Council amended the project charter so any approval-in-principle for a draft Policy Statement will be referred to local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality for six months for comment, with the responses to be informed by local public engagement processes. In addition, Trust Council amended the project budget to include a future Trust-Area wide survey and Trust Area-wide virtual community workshop.

Visit the [Islands 2050](https://www.islandstrust.com/programs/islands-2050) for more details on www.islandstrust.com/programs/islands-2050

Islands Trust Council Committees

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (EC) members include the Chair of Islands Trust Council and three Vice-Chairs, elected for a four-year term by Trust Council from among its members. In addition to individual members serving as the chairs of local trust committees, the committee oversees external communications for the Islands Trust, liaises with the provincial government, reviews and implements the Islands Trust Policy Statement, and conducts other functions as directed by Trust Council.

The Executive Committee carries out the daily business of Islands Trust, reviews the bylaws of local trust committees to ensure compliance with the Islands Trust object and the Trust Policy Statement, and acts as a local trust committee for the Ballenas-Winchelsea Island group located north of Nanaimo.

Members serving during the 2022-2026 term

Peter Luckham, Thetis Island (Chair)

Tobi Elliott, Gabriola Island (Vice-Chair)

David Maude, Mayne Island (Vice-Chair)

Tim Peterson, Lasqueti Island (Vice-Chair)

Bylaws Approved by Executive Committee

Before a local trust committee can adopt a bylaw, the Executive Committee must approve it for compliance with the Islands Trust Policy Statement. Before Bowen Island Municipal Council adopts a Bowen Island Municipality Official Community Plan Bylaw or makes amendments, the Executive Committee must approve the bylaw for compliance with the Islands Trust Policy Statement. Under the Letters Patent for Bowen Island, the Executive Committee also comments on other bylaws that reference a matter included in the Islands Trust Policy Statement. In 2023/24, the Executive Committee approved 33 bylaws, two of which were for Bowen Island Municipality.

Applications Sponsored by Executive Committee

The Executive Committee sponsored permit and application fees for the following projects and initiatives:

- \$4,400 - Pender Islands Housing Society development permit application fees to allow wording changes in the relevant Community Housing bylaw section, to comply with the Definitions in Bylaw 224
- \$1,250 - Hornby Island Arts Council development permit application fees for building a new Arts Centre
- \$1,000 - The Gulf Islands Galisle Affordable Rental Housing Society (Galiano Island) development permit application fees for the development of 12 units of affordable rental housing
- \$1,530 - Triple Rock Land Development rezoning application for affordable housing on Denman Island

- \$7,956 – Gabriola Agricultural Cooperative Association for a rezoning application to construct a year-round co-operative community food hub

Executive Committee sponsored the following Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) application fees in fostering preservation of eligible natural area property in the Islands Trust Area:

- \$450 - Gabriola Island NAPTEP application fee for the protection of 2.5 ha of wetlands, maturing forest, sensitive riparian, and cliff habitats
- \$450 – Salt Spring Island NAPTEP application fee for the protection of 2.5 ha of wetlands, mature and young forest, large wildlife trees, and connectivity to other at-risk ecosystems and protected areas

Liaison Meetings

Islands Trust Conservancy and Executive Committee’s annual liaison meeting was held July 18, 2023, where referrals to First Nations, conservation and requesting further provincial funding were discussed.

At the 2023 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) September 18-22 Convention, Executive Committee met with the following ministers:

- Minister Kang of Municipal Affairs to discuss guidance on capacity funding and paying fees for referrals
- Minister Fleming of Transportation and Infrastructure to discuss development of transportation strategies in the Islands Trust Area

On November 23, Islands Trust Chair Peter Luckham met with the Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and Honourable Josie Osbourne, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation at the Legislature when Islands Trust Annual Report was presented during Question Period.

(insert Minister Kang and Chair Luckham photo here)

Regional Planning Committee

Role

The Regional Planning Committee (RPC) provides policy and planning advice to Trust Council by identifying and reporting on emerging issues related to the committee’s areas of responsibility: development management, community planning, and sustainable community. The committee also develops guidelines, policies, and models for use by staff and local trust committees.

Members

Members serving during the 2022-2026 term are:

Laura Patrick, Salt Spring Island (Chair)

Sam Borthwick, Denman Island (Vice-Chair)

Aaron Campbell, North Pender Island

Alex Allen, Hornby Island
David Graham, Denman Island
Mairead Boland, Saturna Island
Mikaila Lironi, Lasqueti Island
Tobi Elliott, Gabriola Island (Executive Committee Representative)
Peter Luckham, Thetis Island, Islands Trust Chair (Ex Officio Member)

2023-24 Highlights

In the 2023/24 fiscal year, the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) completed the following Strategic Plan items and presented them to Trust Council:

- Received a Housing Needs Reports Gaps Analysis
- Received (on behalf of the Islands Trust) a grant to update all LTC Housing Needs Reports
- Completed a comprehensive Housing Options Toolkit that provides local trustees, planning staff and community groups with resources for implementation of housing-related projects
- Trust Council adopted a Housing Strategic Action Plan
- The RPC and TPC created a Montreal Pledge COP15 Biodiversity Framework working group
- Staff implemented RPC sponsored policy amendments to increase efficiency and effectiveness of Planning Services including creation and use of a new Regional Planning Team and new Current Planning Team as per:
 - Best Management Practices for Delivery of Local Planning Services to Local Trust Committees ([Policy 5.9.1](#))
 - Delegation of Land Use Permits ([Policy 4.1.15](#))
 - Priority Setting/Review Guidelines ([Policy 6.2.1](#))

Trust Programs Committee

Role

The Trust Programs Committee provides policy advice to Islands Trust Council on Trust-wide issues related to the committee's areas of responsibility including resource management, land conservation, water management, marine environment, sustainable communities, conservation strategy, and public awareness and education, and to propose amendments to the Islands Trust Policy Statement.

Members

Members serving for the 2023–2026 term:

Kristina Evans, South Pender Island Trustee, Chair
Alex Allen, Hornby Island Trustee, Vice-Chair
Sam Borthwick, Denman Island Trustee
Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island Trustee

Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Island Trustee
Tim Peterson, Lasqueti Island (Executive Committee Representative)
Peter Luckham, Thetis Island, (Ex Officio Member)

2023-24 Highlights

Trust Programs Committee (TPC) met five times in 2023/24. The Committee's primary focus this year was to create and implement stewardship education resources and programs.

Once again, as part of Trust Council's Secretariat Services Program, the committee approved secretariat services to the following coordination groups:

- \$1,500 to support the coordination of the Rural Island Economic Partnership
- \$2,500 to support the coordination of the Baynes Sound Lambert Channel Ecosystem Forum
- \$3,000 to support the coordination of the Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership
- \$4,000 to support the coordination of the Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Community Forum
- \$3,000 to support the coordination of the Southern Gulf Islands Forum
- \$250 to support the coordination of the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Steering Committee

The Committee also supported distribution of a "Living in the Trust Area" information package, which was mailed to 731 new property owners across the Trust Area. The package included a letter from Chair Peter Luckham, Islands Trust brochures, stewardship tips booklets, groundwater conservation brochures, as well as localized government service contact lists.

(see electronic versions at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/stewardship-education/>).

Wildfire Resources

The Trust Programs Committee prioritized adding wildfire resources specific to islands within the Trust Area from the Government of British Columbia, regional districts, and other organizations to the Islands Trust website. These resources aim to empower residents and visitors alike in wildfire prevention and preparedness, with valuable insights, practical tips, and essential information to build resilient communities and to preserve and protect ecosystems in the Trust Area.

Furthermore, the Trust Programs Committee instructed staff to host a webinar regarding fire risks in the Trust Area. The 'Living with Fire: a panel discussion for those living in the Salish Sea' webinar was held on March 26, 2024, and provided an opportunity for attendees to find out more about the current state of forest health and the interconnections between healthy watersheds, native biodiversity, and fire resilience in the Trust Area. The webinar included actionable steps for building resilience in communities, including techniques like ecological thinning and wetland restoration to create a more fire-resilient future.

Freshwater Webinars

The Trust Programs Committee instructed staff to host two webinars focusing on water in the Trust Area. The first webinar was held on January 24, 2024, and focused on the Islands Trust Freshwater Sustainability Strategy and online atlas. Information was provided about how the strategy set out goals

and objectives to address freshwater supply challenges, support climate action, and ensure watershed security. The second webinar in the series was Groundwater! Our Shared Responsibility, which focused on groundwater resources and best practices for well management on the islands. It included information about the risk of saltwater intrusion, which increases with pumping demand and from coastal hazards such as rising sea levels and storm surges. This webinar was held on February 13, 2024.

All webinars are recorded and available to view on the Islands Trust website (electronic version: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/stewardship-education/>)

Financial Planning Committee

Role

The Financial Planning Committee (FPC) is responsible for facilitating Trust Council's involvement in the annual budget process. This work includes aligning the annual strategic planning process with the annual budget process; monitoring, reviewing, and making recommendations on the organization's financial management, budget, and financial practices to Trust Council; and reviewing audit reports and recommendations. The committee also provides advice to the Islands Trust Conservancy Board on financial services and provides support as needed.

Members

The FPC consists of 10 trustees from across the Islands Trust Area:

- One member from the Trust Programs Committee (the Chair, unless otherwise delegated)
- One member from the Regional Planning Committee (the Chair, unless otherwise delegated)
- The four members of the Executive Committee
- One member from the Trust Conservancy Board
- Three other trustees, the chair of the committee is elected from amongst the other trustees

Members currently serving for the 2022–2026 term are:

Joe Bernardo*, Gambier Island, Chair

Mairead Boland*, Saturna Island, Vice-Chair

Tobi Elliott, Gabriola Island, Executive Committee

Kristina Evans*, South Pender Island, Trust Programs Committee Chair

David Graham*, Denman Island

Peter Luckham, Thetis Island, Executive Committee, Chair Trust Council

David Maude, Mayne Island, Executive Committee

Laura Patrick*, Salt Spring Island, Regional Planning Committee Chair

Tim Peterson, Lasqueti Island, Executive Committee

Susan Yates*, Gabriola Island, Island Trust Conservancy Board

* indicates a current or previous member of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is a sub-committee of the Financial Planning Committee and generally includes all members except the four Executive Committee members. The Audit Committee convenes twice annually, at a minimum, to review the year-end audit work program, the audit findings report, and any management letter recommendations with the external auditors, and to determine follow-up actions if required.

2023-24 Highlights

As part of its ongoing responsibilities, FPC oversaw, through its Audit Committee, the completion of the annual financial statement audit for Islands Trust and Islands Trust Conservancy for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023. The Audit Committee met with external auditors, KPMG LLP, to review their audit findings reports and initiated planning for the March 31, 2024, financial statement audit. In addition to overseeing this legislated audit of the annual financial statements, FPC also directed and reviewed internally developed allocated financial statements, which provide an estimate of revenue and cost allocations by local trust area.

FPC facilitated Trust Council's development of the 2024/25 budget. The committee included recommendations on the amount to draw from surplus funds, the amount of the property tax requisition to Trust Area landowners, and the Bowen Island municipal tax levy based on Trust Council Policy. As part of the budget development process, FPC reviewed the feasibility of completing all proposed projects in terms of available staff resources, and considered options to fund specific local trust committee projects via special tax requisitions. The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee requested spending from the Special Property Tax Reserve Fund to complete three projects associated with watershed protection on Salt Spring Island, which Trust Council approved upon recommendation from FPC.

As part of the 2024/25 budget development cycle, FPC began discussions about how rigorous budget guidelines may be applied early in the budget cycle in future years. The committee held a special meeting to discuss potential guidelines for future years. Guideline materials will be refined and provided to Trust Council at the start of the next budget development cycle for consideration.

After discussing that past budget consultation results have not often influenced changes to the budget, FPC chose not to undertake a public consultation on the draft 2024/25 budget. In an effort to increase public awareness of Trust activities and understanding of Trust financials, FPC once again supported the creation of a tax notice insert that is circulated by the Province of British Columbia to all Trust Area taxpayers with their rural tax notice.

FPC provided quarterly financial updates on actual results, and second and third quarter financial forecasts to the Trust Council for information and approval as part of their cyclical financial monitoring and reporting responsibilities.

FPC investigated the options available to the Islands Trust under specific grant programs formerly named in the historical protocol agreement between Islands Trust and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. This work enhanced the organisation's understanding of provincial grant opportunities available to Islands Trust.

The FPC working group, formed to assist in the development of a corporate planning process for the Islands Trust, continues to support Governance Committee in moving this work forward. This work is in response to a recommendation from the 2022 Governance Report that was received by Trust Council at the conclusion of their external governance review project.

Governance Committee

Role

The Governance Committee provides policy advice to Islands Trust Council on Trust-wide issues related to the committee's areas of responsibility including good governance and management approaches and frameworks, and processes to support and evaluate the effectiveness of Trust Council and its committees.

Members

Members serving for the 2023–2026 term are:

Judi Gedye, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee, Chair
Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Island Trustee, Vice-Chair
Joe Bernardo, Gambier (Keats) Island Trustee
Lee Middleton, Saturna Island Trustee
Laura Patrick, Salt Spring Island Trustee
Tim Peterson, Lasqueti Island Trustee
Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Island Trustee

2023/24 Highlights

The Governance Committee focused on a number of initiatives including:

- Working on prioritized recommendations from the 2022 Governance Review report regarding internal improvements and secretariat functions
- Continued corporate and strategic planning to guide future budget decisions
- Collaborating with a three member working group for the Financial Planning Committee on a draft corporate plan
- Advising Executive Committee on a facilitated workshop session at the June, 2023 Trust Council quarterly meeting, which included a SWOT analysis
- Participating in a “visioning” exercise held by Trust Council at its September, 2023 quarterly meeting, which was followed by additional work and the adoption of a “Vision Statement” at the March, 2024 Trust Council quarterly meeting
- Analysing and presenting accumulated legal opinions related to Section 3 of the *Islands Trust Act*, plus ongoing consideration of feedback on reporting out on such work
- Analysing priority concerns in addition to the 2022 Governance Review including committee composition, membership rights of “ex officio” committee members, representation by population and the varying concerns of islands in the federation, recruitment and compensation of candidates for trusteeship, support for ongoing trustee education, Trust Council’s relationship

with Islands Trust Conservancy, support updates of the Islands Trust Code of Conduct to adopt Provincial recommendations

- Supporting and working with the Chief Administrative Officer Hiring Committee, and the Financial Planning Committee
- Analysing work needed to successfully negotiate increased support from the Province including direct involvement on Trust Council, expertise and resources for First Nations community work, Covid-related population growth and its effects on infrastructure, community and services, province-wide legislation and priorities, collaboration on multi-jurisdictional interests, and accumulated assets of the Islands Trust Conservancy.

Local Trust Committees and Bowen Island Municipality

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A local trust committee exists for each group of islands designated as a local trust area under the Islands Trust Act, except for Bowen Island, which is an island municipality. Each local trust committee has three members—two locally elected trustees and one Executive Committee member serving as the Chair.

A local trust committee is responsible for land use planning and regulation for its area of jurisdiction. The responsibilities include preparation and adoption of official community plans, land use bylaws, zoning and subdivision bylaws, regulation of soil removal and deposit, and authorization of permits under Part 26 of the *Local Government Act*.

A seven-member council serves the Bowen Island Municipality, which holds broad municipal powers, including land use planning. The community elects two of the municipal councillors to Trust Council.

Ballenas - Winchelsea Islands (Executive) Local Trust Committee

DRAFT AWAITING APPROVAL

The Ballenas-Winchelsea Island Local Trust Committee (BW-Executive LTC) held two regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the Ballenas-Winchelsea Island Local Trust Committee did not receive any applications for consideration, and there were no referrals. There was no project work undertaken for this period.

Bowen Island Municipality

Bowen Island is one of 13 local trust areas and island municipalities that make up the Islands Trust Area. Bowen Island is the only island in the Islands Trust Area that is a Municipality.

Bowen Island is located within the territory of First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

Bowen Island is known and loved as a small, friendly, active, and caring community with varied and affordable housing options, protected natural ecosystems and green spaces, a vibrant local economy and an ethic of self-reliance, which underpins decisions where conserving land, air, water, and energy reduces Bowen's ecological footprint.

(Statistics from the 2021 census, graphics that show change over time: total population (1971-2021) and percentage of private dwellings occupied by usual resident (1991 and 2021):
<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/bowen-island-2021-census-profile/>

Bowen Island Municipality Councillors Sue Ellen Fast and Judith Gedye are the Bowen Island Municipality trustees on Islands Trust Council. Bowen Island Municipality produces its own annual report. During 2023/24, the Islands Trust Executive Committee provided referral comments on four Bowen Island land use bylaw amendments.

Denman Island Local Trust Committee

The Denman Island Local Trust Area includes Denman and Chrome islands, and Seal and Sandy islets.

The Denman Local Trust Area is located within the territory of First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

Denman's beautiful and vibrant islands are home to some of British Columbia's rarest ecosystems. Denman Island is a small rural island where individuals, the environment, and the community interact in ways that foster mutual health and vitality.

(Statistics from the 2021 census, graphics that show change over time: total population (1971-2021) and percentage of private dwellings occupied by usual resident (1991 and 2021):
<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/denman-island-lta-2021-census-profile/>

The Denman Island Local Trust Committee (DE LTC) held six regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year, as well as one Community Information Meeting, two special meetings, and one Public Hearing.

Work for this period focused on advancing the DE LTC priorities to address housing needs through the Housing Review Project, and to enhance and preserve farming activities on the island through the Farming Regulations Review Project. The DE LTC considered draft bylaws, which would implement the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw changes that would enhance and preserve farming activities.

During the same time period staff also reviewed two Crown lease referrals, and one subdivision referral.

In the past year, staff discussions to support relationship-building with the K'ómoks First Nation began

and as a result initiated further discussion and work together on various projects such as the policy statement review and the OCP reviews for Hornby and Denman. The Denman Island LTC has also given direction to staff to request council to council meetings moving forward.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the DE LTC received and considered applications for 12 siting and use permits, two development variance permits, two development permits, one liquor and cannabis board referral, two bylaw amendment applications, and one temporary use permit.

Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee

The Gabriola Island Local Trust Area comprises 20 islands including DeCourcy, Mudge, and Link Islands. Gabriola Island Local Trust Area is located within the territories of First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

Gabriola Island features critical habitat for the Marbled Murrelet and is frequented by Double-crested Cormorants. Vital to salmon, 21% of the Gabriola Island Local Trust Area foreshore has eelgrass beds and many beaches are suitable spawning habitat for forage fish, the principal diet of Chinook salmon.

(Statistics from the 2021 census, graphics that show change over time: total population (1971-2021) and percentage of private dwellings occupied by usual resident (1991 and 2021):

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/gabriola-island-lta-2021-census-profile/>

The Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee (GB LTC) held nine regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year, and two special meetings.

Work for this period focused on advancing the GB LTC priorities to address housing, and ecological protection. The GB LTC also initiated Gabriola Visioning 2050, the first phase of a key project to review the Gabriola Official Community Plan. It also continued work on a project to develop a new ecological protection zone, which includes rezoning for the Elder Cedar (S'ul-hween X'pey) Nature Reserve.

During the same period, staff also reviewed 63 building permit referrals, and two Crown lease referrals. Initiatives of the GB LTC for this period include relationship building with the Snuneymuxw First Nation. As part of this process, this included the GB LTC meeting with Snuneymuxw First Nation leadership, meetings with staff on a regular basis, and working to renew the protocol agreement between SFN and the Gabriola Island LTC.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the GB LTC received and considered applications for five development variance permits, one liquor and cannabis board referral, one bylaw amendment applications, and six temporary use permits.

Galiano Island Local Trust Committee

The Galiano Island Local Trust Area comprises nine associated islands including Galiano, Ballingal, Gossip, Charles, and Parker Island.

The Galiano Local Trust Area is located within the territory of First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

Over 24% of the ecosystems in the Galiano Local Trust Area are protected. They provide critical habitat for endangered and at-risk species including Batwing Vinyl lichen, Lindley's False Silverpuffs, and Great Blue Heron.

(Statistics from the 2021 census, graphics that show change over time: total population (1971-2021) and percentage of private dwellings occupied by usual resident (1991 and 2021):

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/galiano-island-lta-2021-census-profile/>

The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee (GL LTC) held eight regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year, as well as two Community Information Meetings, two special meetings, and two public hearings.

Work for this period focused on advancing the priorities of the GL LTC to address groundwater sustainability, and to re-designate and rezone several large District Lots for nature protection.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the GL LTC received and considered applications for four development variance permits, one Agricultural Land Commission application, five rezoning applications, and two temporary use permits.

During the same time period, staff also reviewed five delegated development permits, 15 building permit referrals, and one Crown lease referral.

Another initiative of the GL LTC for this period was relationship building with the Penelakut First Nation and other Indigenous Peoples of Galiano.

The GL LTC also adopted bylaws which would amend its Bylaw Enforcement Notification Bylaw and its Protection of Privacy and Freedom of Information Bylaw.

Gambier Island Local Trust Committee

Gambier Island Local Trust Area includes 35 associated islands including Gambier, Keats, Bowyer, Passage, North Thormanby, and South Thormanby islands.

The Gambier Local Trust Area is located within the territory of First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

Islands within the Gambier Local Trust Area are the habitat of Double-Breasted Cormorant, Steller Sea Lion, and Red-legged Frog, and critical habitat for the Marbled Murrelet. Mature forests with trees between 80 – 250 years old cover 42% of the land.

(Statistics from the 2021 census, graphics that show change over time: total population (1971-2021) and percentage of private dwellings occupied by usual resident (1991 and 2021):

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/qambier-island-lta-2021-census-profile/>

The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee (GM LTC) held five regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year, as well as one Community Information Meeting and two special meetings.

Work for this period focused on advancing the GM LTC priorities to review and update Keats Island shoreline regulations, and continue work on the OCP review project for Gambier Island. The OCP Targeted Review Project is currently in the First Nations engagement phase. The GM LTC also initiated a project to amend the permitted uses in the Marine General zone on Keats Island to allow for telecommunication utilities.

During the same time period, staff also reviewed 19 building permit referrals and two Crown lease referrals.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the GM LTC received and considered applications for four development variance permits, one development permit, two bylaw amendment applications, and one temporary use permit.

Hornby Island Local Trust Committee

The Hornby Island Local Trust Area comprises Hornby, Norris Rocks, Flora Islet, and Toby Islands.

The Hornby Island Local Trust Area is located within the territory of First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

The beautiful and vibrant islands in the Hornby Island Local Trust Area are home to some of British Columbia's rarest ecosystems, including the Great Blue Heron and the Western Screech-Owl.

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The Hornby Island Local Trust Committee (HO LTC) held seven regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year, as well as four special meetings - three electronic and one in-person.

Work for this period focused on the HO LTC priority to advance its major Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw Review project with topic areas including housing, regulating short term vacation rentals, and First Nations engagement and relationship building. The latter priority was significantly advanced through the development of a work plan with K'ómoks First Nation in March 2024, for the purposes of working together to prioritize potential policy and regulatory changes to address the Nation's concerns and interests in land use planning for Hornby Island.

The LTC also initiated development of a Community Heritage Register as its minor project through the adoption of the first version of a project charter in December.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the LTC and staff received, considered and processed applications for 19 Siting and Use Permits, two subdivision referrals, two Development Permits, and one Development Variance Permit.

Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee

The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area comprises of more than 23 associated islands including Lasqueti, Jedediah, Sangster, and Jenkins islands.

Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area is located within the territory of First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

It has three provincial parks (Jedediah Island, Sabine Channel, Squitty Bay) and four protected sanctuaries. In its waters, the local trust area has critical habitat for the Marbled Murrelet and Killer Whale.

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The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee (LA LTC) held five regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year.

Work for this period focused on advancing the LA LTC priorities to further First Nations Reconciliation. The LA LTC also continued work on key projects including the Official Community Plan (OCP) review project and completed a project to amend their Meeting Procedures Bylaw.

Another initiative of the LA LTC for this period was relationship building with the Snaw-naw-as First Nation. As part of this process, the LA LTC adopted a standing resolution to ensure First Nations notification and engagement for proposed antenna systems. The LA LTC has participated in meetings with the leadership of the Snaw-naw-as First Nation as part of the OCP review project, and contributed towards the development of the protocol agreement between the Snaw-naw-as First Nation and Islands Trust.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the LA LTC received and considered one application for a bylaw amendment.

Mayne Island Local Trust Committee

The Mayne Island Local Trust Area comprises Mayne Island and twenty associated islands including Curlew and Georgeson Islands.

The Mayne Local Trust Area is located within the territory of many First Nations whose peoples have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

Mayne Island and surrounding waters are the habitat of several at-risk species including the Killer Whale, Purple Martin, Peregrine Falcon, and a Glass Sponge Reef. The Purple Martin arrives each spring

after a long migration from south-east Brazil and is the largest swallow breed in North America. The fallow deer introduced to Mayne Island continue to impact the ecosystem and devastate the understory.

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The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee (MA LTC) held eight regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year, as well as one Community Information Meeting, two special meetings, and no public hearings.

Work for this period focused on advancing the MA LTC priorities of making amendments to the Land Use Bylaw and the Official Community Plan and adopting Flexible Housing policies and regulations.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the MA LTC received and considered applications for five development variance permits, two temporary use permits, and two rezoning applications. During the same time period staff also reviewed 17 building permit referrals.

North Pender Island Local Trust Committee

The North Pender Island Local Trust Area comprises more than 39 associated islands including D'Arcy, Sidney, and James Islands.

The North Pender Local Trust Area is located within the territory of many First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

The North Pender area is critical habitat for orca's, Yellow Sand-verbena, Edwards' Beach Moth, grass-like Foothill Sedge, and Lindley's False Silverpuffs.

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The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (NP LTC) held seven regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year, as well as three Community Information Meetings, three special meetings, and one public hearing.

Work for this period focused on advancing the NP LTC priorities of completing a review of the Land Use Bylaw and updating Raptor Nest development permit areas.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the NP LTC received and considered applications for three development variance permits, seven development permits, one rezoning application, and five temporary use permits. In addition, the North Pender Island Board of Variance heard one appeal.

During the same time period, staff reviewed 26 building permit referrals, and one Crown lease referral.

The NP LTC also adopted a bylaw amendment for zoning affecting residential lots on Sidney Island, and gave readings to amendments to the fee bylaw.

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area includes more than 30 associated islands including Salt Spring, Prevost, Piers, and Secret Islands.

The Salt Spring Local Trust Area is located within the territory of many First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

The area is critical habitat for Dun Skipper butterflies, Gray's Desert-parsley and two species at risk: the Little Brown Bat and Sharp-tailed snake. In the Salish Sea the endangered Leatherback Sea Turtle, the world's largest reptile, is occasionally seen.

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The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (SS LTC) held 10 regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year, as well as two Community Information Meetings, and four special meetings. It did not hold any public hearings.

This period, the SSI LTC struggled to address the ongoing housing affordability and availability challenge. The SS LTC also initiated key projects including development of a Complete Community Assessment, with the support of a grant from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. The SS LTC considered draft bylaws, which would implement the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw changes that would regulate and permit a small number of accessory dwelling units in rural areas of Salt Spring Island.

During the same time period, staff also reviewed 130 building permit referrals, five Crown lease referrals, and six subdivision referrals.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the SS LTC received and considered applications for 20 development variance permits, 14 development permits, one liquor and cannabis board referral, two bylaw amendment applications, and three temporary use permits.

Saturna Island Local Trust Committee

Saturna Island Local Trust Area includes more than 10 associated islands including Saturna, Anniversary, Cabbage, Samuel, and Lizard Islands.

Saturna Island Local Trust Area is located within the territory of First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

48.43% of the Saturna Island Local Trust Area is protected and has critical habitat for the White Meconella flowering plant, Lindley's False Silverpuffs, and the Great Blue Heron. One of three temporary

sanctuaries for southern resident Killer Whales can be found off the east coast of Saturna. Heritage Forests are representative forest types of Saturna Island.

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The Saturna Island Local Trust Committee (SA LTC) held four regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year, as well as three Community Information Meetings, one special meeting, and three public hearings.

Work for this period focused on advancing the SA LTC priorities to complete a density transfer application to facilitate the donation of land for nature protection and to consider an Agricultural Land Reserve exclusion proposal.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the SA LTC considered three rezoning applications.

During the same time period staff also reviewed six building permit referrals.

The SA LTC also gave readings to a new fees bylaw.

South Pender Local Trust Committee

The South Pender Island Local Trust Area comprises South Pender Island, Blundon Islet, and Skull Islet.

The South Pender Local Trust Area is located within the territory of First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

South Pender is one of the least populated and least developed of the Island Trust's major islands. The quiet, freedom from disturbance, and sense of privacy within what is a relatively undisturbed and visually attractive setting are key qualities valued by South Pender Islanders.

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The South Pender Island Local Trust Committee (SP LTC) held four regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year, as well as one Community Information Meeting, four special meetings, and no public hearings.

Work for this period focused on advancing the SP LTC priorities of amending the Land Use Bylaw.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the SP LTC received and considered applications for one temporary use permit and one Agricultural Land Commission application. During the same time period staff also reviewed eight building permit referrals and one crown referral.

Thetis Island Local Trust Committee

Thetis Island Local Trust Area includes over 20 associated islands including Thetis, Dunsmuir, Ladysmith Harbour, and Valdez Islands.

Thetis Island Local Trust Area is located within the territory of First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

Thetis Island is an ecologically diverse area, with numerous regions of ecological significance, both provincially and globally. It has several parks, and a number of other protected areas including Fairyslipper Forest Nature Reserve and Moore Hill Nature Reserve. Several islets are protected as Ecological Reserves to safeguard nesting seabirds. This area provides habitat for the fast flying Peregrine Falcons, which can fly up to 112 kilometres an hour in pursuit of prey.

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<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/thetis-island-lta-2021-census-profile/>

The Thetis Island Local Trust Committee (TH LTC) held five regular business meetings in the 2023/2024 fiscal year, as well as one Community Information Meeting, one Public Hearing, one special meeting, and two closed meetings.

Work for this period focused on advancing the TH LTC priorities of making amendments to the Land Use Bylaw and Official Community Plan to address marine and riparian area protection.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, staff reviewed six building permit referrals and one Crown lease referral.

Legislative Services – Administrative Fairness and Freedom of Information

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The Director of Legislative Services is responsible for the planning, coordination, and control of various functions necessary to carry out the legislative obligations of Islands Trust's 15 corporate bodies. The Director delivers services to Trust bodies, staff, and the public by providing advice, support, and recommendations on statutory, procedural, or privacy matters. As part of this service, the Director acts as Corporate Records Manager, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Head, and coordinates elections and by-elections. The Director also oversees the orientation of elected officials and staff training regarding legislative and administrative matters, such as freedom of information and protection of privacy, minute-taking guidelines, and email and records management.

Islands Trust policy requires the reporting of the number of administrative fairness complaints received each year. There were four complaints received during the 2023/24 fiscal period.

During this same fiscal year, Islands Trust received 41 requests for records under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. This included 25 from Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area, five from Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area, three from North Pender Island Local Trust Area, two each from Gabriola and Galiano Island Local Trust Areas, and one each from South Pender, Hornby, and Gambier Islands Local Trust Areas, and one regarding Islands Trust Council.

Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement

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Islands Trust bylaw staff continue to deal with a high number of files, which routinely exceeds 600. The focus in the last year continues to be enforcement on short-term vacation rentals, especially on Salt Spring Island.

The adoption of the Short Term Rental Accommodations Act (October 23, 2023) will lead to a provincial registry where advertising platforms will be required to validate registration numbers on host listings, which will provide Islands Trust staff with support as they search for the names and addresses of the rental operations subject to complaint or enforcement. The addition of a provincial compliance and enforcement unit should also provide assistance with the overall enforcement workload.

The review of Islands Trust bylaw compliance and enforcement policies and procedures with the assistance of the Ombudsperson office continues. Some Local Trust Committees (LTC), such as Denman and Mayne local trust committees, have adopted a policy of regular reporting to LTC's for any enforcement files with completed investigations. This reporting structure provides an opportunity for local elected officials to consider which bylaw contraventions are in the interest of the LTC and the community to pursue.

Appendix A: Strategic Plan 2018– 2022

To be added at Graphic Design Stage

Islands Trust Conservancy Annual Report

Reconciliation Declaration

Islands Trust Conservancy acknowledges that the lands and waters that encompass the Salish Sea have been home to Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial. We recognize that we are all intertwined in the ecosystems that are the lands, waters, culture, and ecology that embody this place.

Islands Trust Conservancy will strive to create opportunities for knowledge-sharing, understanding, and collaboration as people come together to preserve and protect the special nature of the islands within the Salish Sea.

Islands Trust Conservancy is committed to the protection and preservation of this place through processes that respect and honour reconciliation and mutually respectful relationships with Coast Salish Indigenous Peoples. We express our recognition for the past, present, and future stewardship and knowledge that has been shared by Indigenous Peoples and are humbled and grateful.

Adopted: July 16, 2019 Islands Trust Conservancy Board in METULIYE (Victoria)

Who We Are

Established in 1990, Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) is a land trust, and part of the group of agencies that form the Islands Trust, dedicated to preserving and protecting the fragile and unique ecosystems of the Islands Trust Area in the Salish Sea. This region covers approximately 79,000 hectares of land and over 482,000 hectares of water on the southern coast of British Columbia. It includes 450 islands between southern Vancouver Island, mainland B.C., and Howe Sound.

Our mission is to protect these very special places by encouraging, undertaking, and assisting in voluntary conservation initiatives across the Islands. We work with many allies including: private landholders and donors, local conservancies, environmental organizations, charitable foundations, academic institutions, businesses, First Nations, and all levels of government.

The Governments of Canada and British Columbia set a goal of 30% protected area by 2030 because science shows that nature needs our help in order to reverse the decline in biodiversity, better fight climate change, and maintain a strong, sustainable economy. Islands Trust Conservancy is doing its part to meet this goal within the Islands Trust Area – an area where only 20% of the land is in protected status.

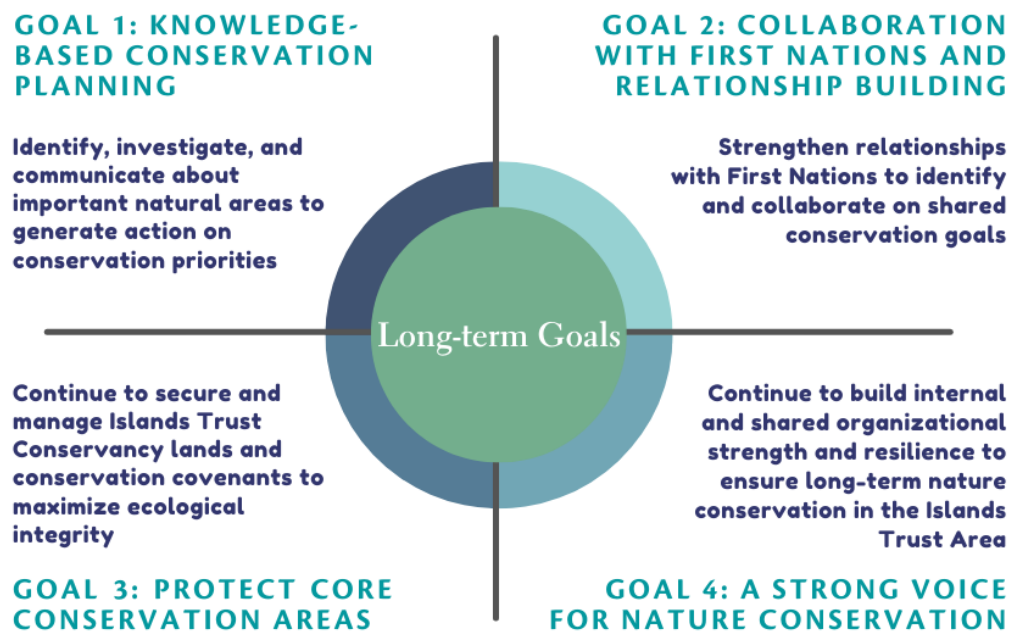
[Read more about how you can protect nature with us.](#)

How We Work

We preserve and protect the Islands by:

- Working with landholders to support voluntary land protection. We accept donations and other transfers of land, manage them as nature reserves, and collaborate with landowners to conserve private lands through conservation covenants.
- Monitoring and restoring sensitive ecosystems and habitat for species at risk. We do this in collaboration with island communities and conservation partners.
- Providing strategic funds to conservation partners. We support land conservation across the Islands.
- Identifying priority areas across the Islands Trust Area. We ensure maximal impact through our work in addressing the biodiversity and climate crisis.
- Reconciliation Action. We work to build relationships with First Nations to identify areas of significance for protection and to incorporate Indigenous Knowledge into land management practices.

[Read more about our conservation planning](#)



Our People

Islands Trust Conservancy is directed by a Board made up of three members appointed by the Province of B.C. and up to two members elected from the Islands Trust Council and one member elected by the Islands Trust Executive Committee.

Dr. Risa Smith – Chair (July 2023 – March 2024), Vice Chair (April – July 2023), Appointed Member

Linda Adams – Chair (April – July 2023), Appointed Member

Susan Yates – Vice Chair (August – December 2023), Board Member

Lisa Gauvreau – Vice Chair (January – March 2024), Board Member

Tobi Elliott – Board Member

Ken Thomas – Appointed Member

Grant Scott – Board Member (resigned April 2023)

Charles Kahn – Appointed Member (August 2023 – March 2024)

Message from the Board Chair

This past year at Islands Trust Conservancy, collaboration has been central to our conservation accomplishments. The passion and dedication of community members, partners, and funders has supported the creation of new covenants and nature reserves as well as key restoration initiatives, including recovery of species at risk.

Conservation highlights for 2023 include:

- Finalizing the Livingstone Forest Conservation Covenant, with owners Christine Ferris and Doug Hopwood. This is our first covenant on Lasqueti Island
- Celebration of our 30th Nature Reserve, the Hoak-pus/Sandy Beach Nature Reserve, on Keats Island
- Expansion of the Nighthawk Hill NAPTEP Covenant on North Pender Island, funded through the Morrison Waxler Biodiversity Protection Legacy Fund

Restoration of properties that we manage has included:

- Removal of invasive species on Gambier and Denman Island
- Planting nearly 1,000 wildflowers, grasses, and sedges with Sidney Islanders to help restore ecological diversity in the Windthrow Covenant
- Ecosystem restoration on Sidney and Salt Spring Island, supported by Habitat Acquisition Trust, Habitat Restoration Field Crew, and Environment and Climate Change Canada

Our work on species at risk, through a generous grant from Environment and Climate Change Canada, has enabled us to focus on monitoring and recovery of several species at risk. This year we installed nest boxes and mounted audio recorders on Link Island to enhance habitat and better understand the needs of Western Screech-Owl. On North Pender Island, Sharp-tailed Snakes were spotted, as a result of our monitoring, in an area where they hadn't been seen in over 50 years.

In addition to the partners and collaborators already acknowledged, I would like to give a special shout out to the Conservancies on each Gulf Island. With a little help from ITC's Opportunity Fund these organizations work tirelessly to protect the special places on our islands. In partnership with us or with others, their work ensures that the natural environment, which has drawn us all to the Gulf Islands, continues to provide us with the ecosystem services on which we all depend, including supporting the health of the people who live here.

Half of the ITC Board has changed in 2023. Toby Elliott, representing Trust Executive, and Susan Yates, an Elected Trustee, and myself remain. In 2023, we welcomed three new members to the

ITC Board. Ken Thomas and Charles Kahn are provincially appointed board members and Lisa Gauvreau is our third Elected Trustee. We also said good-bye to Linda Adams, a long-time board member whose patience and sage advice is missed. Our new Board is engaged and committed to the ITC mandate. I am looking forward to continuing our thoughtful discussions and making decisions that advance our mission and collaborations.

As we move into 2024, we will be focusing on a new relationship with the First Nations peoples who live around the Salish Sea. We will also be exploring how we define and manage risk to our properties, in these times of climate change and a growing human population. Of course, we will be continuing to use our current tools to protect and enhance the natural environment of the Gulf Islands.

It has been an honour to serve as Islands Trust Conservancy Board Chair since August 2023. I am looking forward to a productive 2024, in which the natural environment continues to be the basis of our health and prosperity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Risa Smith', with a stylized, cursive script.

Risa Smith, ITC Board Chair

Program Highlights 2023/2024

Islands Trust Conservancy Plan 2023-2025

Islands Trust Conservancy submitted a revised Islands Trust Conservancy Plan to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in December 2023, as required under the *Islands Trust Act*. The Islands Trust Conservancy Plan sets policy for:

- Acquisition, management, and disposal of property of the Islands Trust Conservancy;
- Investment of funds; and
- Goals for major acquisitions.

In January of 2024, the Minister declined to approve the ITC Plan. Although the ITC had referred the ITC Plan to First Nations, the Minister indicated that further engagement was needed.

Further engagement with First Nations is supported by the ITC's Reconciliation Declaration and by the ITC's Regional Conservation Plan. The ITC Board reviewed and approved a plan and

budget for First Nations engagement into the 2024/25 fiscal year and ITC is looking forward to growing relationships with First Nations around land stewardship.

[Read more about our Islands Trust Conservancy Plan](#)

Land Conservation – Nature’s Future

Islands Trust Conservancy is committed to increasing the protected areas in the islands for the benefit of all species living in the Salish Sea. We do this through the creation of nature reserves and conservation covenants – legal agreements with landholders to care for nature that are designed to last in perpetuity. Protected areas are important in safeguarding high biodiversity areas, allowing for the movement of wildlife and the conservation of unique ecosystems. Protected areas benefit people as well by providing clean water and air, resilience against the effects of climate change, and contribute to social and psychological wellbeing.

As Canada works toward protecting 30% of terrestrial habitat by 2030, Islands Trust Conservancy is committed to the protection and preservation of the Islands Trust Area through processes that respect and honour reconciliation and mutually respectful relationships with Coast Salish Indigenous Peoples. In 2023/24, Islands Trust Conservancy reviewed policies that guide acquisition and management of land and covenants to require engagement of First Nations prior to acquisition of land or covenants and during management planning for conservation lands.

2023/24 Nature Reserves

Larmour Nature Reserve, Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area

In June 2023, 3.44 ha of land on Salt Spring Island was transferred to Islands Trust Conservancy to create the Larmour Lands Nature Reserve. This nature reserve was created to conserve the legacy of dedicated Salt Spring Island conservationist, Mike Larmour. The new nature reserve protects mature forests, wetlands, and is a connectivity to other protected areas, including habitat for multiple at-risk species.

[Read more about creating nature reserves](#)

2023/24 Conservation Covenants

Nighthawk Hill NAPTEP Covenant Addition (0.96 ha), North Pender Island Local Trust Area
Islands Trust Conservancy manages the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) on behalf of Trust Council. NAPTEP provides island landholders with an annual 65% property tax reduction on the portion of their land protected by a conservation covenant. This incentive is unique to the Islands Trust Area. In August 2023, Islands Trust Conservancy worked with North Pender Island landholders to expand their existing NAPTEP covenant. Nighthawk Hill NAPTEP Covenant, originally registered in 2012, protects Arbutus and Douglas-fir woodland, a

steep ridge with moss and lichen-covered outcrops, and is a known nesting location for at-risk Common Nighthawk. The new covenant expands the protected area to include a small wetland and riparian area, protecting these vital habitats and doubling the size of the protected area to 1.9 ha. Protecting transition zones like this one, extending from the wetlands to the dry upper ridge, is one facet of planning for resiliency to climate change.

Brooks Point Regional Park Covenant Addition

In 2014, Islands Trust Conservancy worked with Habitat Acquisition Trust, Pender Islands Conservancy Association, and Capital Regional District (CRD) Parks to conserve a parcel of land to connect three south facing parcels of Brooks Point Regional Park with Gowlland Point on South Pender. The added parcel, along with the four earlier acquired parcels, expanded Brooks Point Regional Park to 4.81 ha.

Brooks Point Regional Park features:

- Coastal headland with intertidal rocky shore and a sheltered beach
- Grassy meadow which explodes with native chocolate lilies in the spring
- Critical habitat for the endangered Sharp-tailed Snake
- Views of the Salish Sea, numerous islands, and Mount Baker
- Navigation beacon on Gowlland Point

To ensure that the natural values of the park would be conserved, Islands Trust Conservancy and Habitat Acquisition Trust now hold a conservation covenant on the park and work with CRD Parks to care for the stunning natural features.

[Read more about placing conservation covenants with us](#)

Caring for the Land – Our Shared Responsibility

[Infographic Summary – # PAs, #Ha, #islands – pull info from impact report “small conservancy – big impact”:]

Islands Trust Conservancy leads the ongoing management of the 113 protected areas in our care. This commitment involves regular monitoring and land management practices in accordance with management plans and conservation covenant agreements that identify long-term conservation and restoration goals.

In 2023/24, this care included the following land management activities in partnership with local Island conservancies and volunteers:

- Annual monitoring visits on all nature reserves to collaborate with management partners and evaluate management needs into the future

- Monitoring Islands Trust Conservancy conservation covenants to maintain relationships with landholders and ensure compliance with their covenant agreement terms
- Collaborating with Parks Canada, First Nations, the Province of B.C., and the Sidney Island community on SKƧÁMEN QENÁŁ,ENEŁ SĆÁ - Sidney Island Ecosystem Restoration Project
- Initiating the first management plans for Link Island Nature Reserve and Saturnina Island Nature Reserve (Gabriola Island Local Trust Area). Management plans were referred to First Nations for comment and to initiate conversations regarding cultural use of land
- Creation of signage for education, management, and safety at nine nature reserves
- Collaborating on educational signage to help protect the fragile ecosystem at McRae NAPTEP Covenant on Gabriola Island
- Habitat restoration and management including:
 - Managing ten invasive species in 36 Islands Trust Conservancy protected areas on 13 islands including Gambier, Keats, Bowen, Salt Spring, Thetis, Lasqueti, Denman, Galiano, Saturnina, Pender, Gabriola, Mayne, and Link Islands
 - Planting and/or seeding native plants in six Islands Trust Conservancy protected areas on Denman, Salt Spring, Sidney, Bowen, and Gabriola Islands
 - Maintaining restoration projects in 13 Islands Trust Conservancy protected areas with plantings in exclosures being maintained and monitored, including wetlands on Lasqueti Island and a wildflower meadow on Mt. Tuam on Salt Spring Island
 - Wetland and Beaver Assessment completed at John Osland Nature Reserve on Lasqueti Island
 - Aquatic Ecological Assessment completed for Forsen Creek at Ruby Alton Nature Reserve on Salt Spring Island
 - Controlling introduced invasive bullfrogs in the early stages of population establishment and invasion on Sidney Island

Species at Risk Program – Protecting and Recovering Species

The goal of the Species at Risk Program is to prevent rare species loss from the Islands Trust Area. We accomplish this by conducting surveys and monitoring to increase our knowledge, collect data to inform Islands Trust Conservancy mapping initiatives, protect habitat through our protected areas, and build support for conservation through engagement with First Nations, landowners, and Islands Trust staff and officials.

Highlights this year include:

- Completed the fourth year of implementing our Species at Risk Program, supported by the Priority Places Program through Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Conducted surveys and monitoring in Islands Trust Conservancy protected areas and confirmed the presence of species at risk including the Barn Swallow, Common Nighthawk, Great Blue Heron, Marbled Murrelet, Peregrine Falcon, Western Screech-owl, Little Brown Myotis bat, Common Sharp-tailed Snake, Red-legged Frog, Western Toad, Northern Goshawk, Yellow Montane Violet, and Coastal Scouler's Catchfly
- Confirmed two nesting pairs of Western Screech-owl, and the successful breeding of one pair, in an Islands Trust Conservancy protected area
- Hosted a speaker series from February to May 2023. Topics during the 2023/24 fiscal year included:
 - Methods for cataloguing, ranking, and mapping species at risk information
 - Understanding a living cultural landscape, and the importance of P'hwulhp (Garry oak) meadows to the Quw'utsun mustimuhw (Cowichan Peoples)

[Read more about our Species at Risk Program](#)

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Partnerships, Collaborations, and Supporters – Working with Others

Working with others helps Islands Trust Conservancy effectively achieve its goals. We are grateful to be able to collaborate with so many individuals, agencies, and groups.

In 2023/24, our collaborations included:

- Continued a partnership with researchers studying climate change impacts on bull kelp beds throughout coastal B.C.
- Updated protected-area mapping for the region and contributed to the British Columbia Non-Governmental Organization Conservation Areas Database
- Shared spatial and other data including mapping of eelgrass beds, bull kelp beds, sensitive ecosystems, species at risk, and protected areas with First Nations, local conservancies, community organizations, researchers, and all levels of government
- Contributed to the revised edition of the BC Conservation Covenant Handbook, the go-to reference guide on conservation covenants for landowners and land trusts in B.C.

- Continued participation with the Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership (CDFCP) to prioritize high biodiversity areas and develop resources to support conservation
- Continued participation with the Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership to keep up to date on priority invasive species and best management practices for our protected areas
- Continued membership with the Canadian Association of Gift Planners “Will Power” campaign, providing potential donors with information and the opportunity to leave a legacy gift for land conservation in the Islands Trust Area
- Active participation in SKTÁMEN QENÁŁ, ENEŁ SCÁ - Sidney Island Ecological Restoration Project

Opportunity Fund

The Opportunity Fund provides support for hard-to-fundraise costs associated with land protection and leverages donations through matching funds for land-acquisition campaigns. The Regional Conservation Plan guides the disbursement of funds and the Islands Trust Conservancy Board considers applications twice per year.

Islands Trust Conservancy dispensed the following Opportunity Fund grant in 2023/24:

- \$2,000 to the Thetis Island Nature Conservancy for the Thetis Island Nature Stewards Program
- \$4,950 to the Galiano Conservancy for costs associated with the acquisition of Quadra Hill on Galiano Island

Islands Trust Conservancy approved an additional grant which will be paid out in 2024/25:

- \$7,000 for costs associated with placing a NAPTEP conservation covenant on Gabriola Island

During 2023/24 Islands Trust Conservancy received \$9,484 in donations for the Opportunity Fund. On March 31st, 2024, the Opportunity Fund had \$86,648 available to grant Trust wide with an additional \$35,400 geographically restricted for the Hornby Island Local Trust Area.

Directed Donations

Islands Trust Conservancy is a qualified donor through Canada Revenue Agency and can accept donations, gifts of stock, RRSPs, bequests, and other forms of gifts. Directed donations are for specific purposes. During 2023/24, Islands Trust Conservancy gratefully received \$9,484 in donations to the Opportunity Fund. Islands Trust Conservancy administers the following directed donation funds:

- Covenant Management and Defence Fund

- Gambier Island Acquisition Fund
- Lasqueti Island Acquisition Fund
- McFadden Creek Fund – Salt Spring Island
- Morrison-Waxler Biodiversity Fund – Pender Island
- Property Management Fund
- Ruby Alton Endowment Fund – Salt Spring Island
- Thetis Island Acquisition Fund
- William Tempest Fund - Hornby Island - Opportunity Fund
- Link Island Western Screech Owl Project

Financial Statements

Islands Trust Conservancy prepares Financial Statements annually, in compliance with the requirements under Section 46 of the Islands Trust Act. Under the Islands Trust Act, Islands Trust Conservancy may receive money, land, and other property as donations or through grants in order to further the object of the Islands Trust. Islands Trust Conservancy uses Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, including standards for government non-profit organizations, to manage its funds and land assets. Islands Trust Conservancy currently holds and manages the following funds:

- Opportunity Fund: Used for unrestricted resources, most notably for the Opportunity Fund Grant Program
- Restricted Fund: Used for internally and externally restricted assets, including grants, funds restricted for property management, and funds restricted for land acquisition
- Capital Fund: Used to record the value of land donated, acquired or transferred without external restrictions
- Endowment Fund: Used primarily for land that is restricted through donation agreements

In its 2023/24 Financial Statements, Islands Trust Conservancy recognizes the following items of note:

- Grant revenue of \$220,000 from Environment and Climate Change Canada for the Islands Trust Conservancy Species at Risk Program.
- *[other notes added upon completion of Financial Statements]*

While Islands Trust Conservancy manages land and funds as noted in its Financial Statements, the cost of Islands Trust Conservancy operations are the responsibility of Trust Council under the Trust Council budget process. Details on these costs are available in the Islands Trust Financial Statements.

[Insert audited Financial Statement once available]

Looking Ahead to 2024/25

Looking ahead, Islands Trust Conservancy is committed to meaningful early engagement and relationship-building with First Nations; collaborating to accomplish shared conservation priorities. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with landowners, donors, organizations, and community members in protecting and preserving species and ecosystems across the Islands in the Salish Sea for generations to come.

Thank you to all the landowners, donors, partners, and community members who make this work possible.

Please consider creating a conservation legacy by remembering Islands Trust Conservancy in your Will.

From: Mairead Boland <mboland@islandstrust.bc.ca>

Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 1:42 PM

To: EC <ec@islandstrust.bc.ca>

Subject: Fw: Policy Statement Amendment Project Information Bulletin #1

Hello EC et al,

I have been reading and discussing and thinking, and I believe it would be very worthwhile to have a person versed in the subtleties and legalities of the Reconciliation content that has been included in the April 2024 draft version

I am uncomfortable with the fact that there are many amendments that are a staff response to recent engagements and feedback - and that we trustees are now required to (re)amend.

I expect that many trustees and their constituents will have many questions. Our ability to talk about it openly and constructively could make a big difference to how the draft is received.

We need someone knowledgeable with us so that we can be confident.

Please consider this request,

Thank you,

Mairead

Trustee Questions

Staff have received a question about what legal advice was received on the updated draft Policy Statement.

The Committee of the Whole can go in-camera to discuss legal advice. If it would be useful for Trustees, legal counsel could be invited to attend a future Committee of the Whole meeting to provide an opinion on any questions Trustees may have. If there is a desire to have legal counsel attend the May 30 Committee of the Whole meeting or a future meeting, please advise the Executive Committee. "



Reference: 41145

June 4, 2024

VIA EMAIL: pluckham@islandstrust.bc.ca

Peter Luckham, Chair
Islands Trust Council

Dear Peter Luckham:

Thank you for your letter of March 25, 2024, regarding dock tenures in the Southern Gulf Islands. I am pleased to respond.

The Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) is responsible for private moorage policy and authorizations, under the *Land Act*, and the shared stewardship of natural resources in partnership with First Nations. I am pleased we have the support of Islands Trust in addressing cumulative impacts of private moorage in the Southern Gulf Islands.

As you know, the Province is working closely with Quw'utsun Nation on these efforts. We are similarly committed to engaging with all other impacted First Nations, the public, stakeholders, and local governments. We fully recognize success is contingent upon meaningful engagement of these groups, in a transparent and inclusive process.

I understand our *Land Act* Authorizations team have previously met regularly with Islands Trust Directors and Managers, to discuss private moorage applications and policy approaches. We are committed to resuming these discussions of the strategic work ahead.

The WLRS Land Use Planning and Cumulative Effects Division, who are leading the strategic work, with input from our Authorizations team and the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, will reach out to your staff in this regard. I trust this opportunity to foster mutual understanding of our respective organizations' broad goals and objectives related to marine stewardship. Additionally, British Columbia will communicate our process and timeline, as well as begin establishing a mutually agreeable approach to collaboration.

WLRS has also met with Rob Botterell to understand the concerns and interests of his network, "Dock Tenure Collaborative Partnership and Reconciliation Table", and to discuss an approach for their ongoing engagement.

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Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council

Again, thank you for reaching out and I look forward to our ongoing collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Cullen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nathan" and last name "Cullen" clearly distinguishable.

Nathan Cullen
Minister

cc: David Muter, Assistant Deputy Minister, Land Use Planning and Cumulative Effects
Division

Jennifer Anthony, Assistant Deputy Minister, Permitting Transformation Division

Caitlin Dorward, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Land Use Planning and Cumulative
Effects Division



**Message from
The Honourable Anne Kang
Minister of Municipal Affairs**

Islands Trust 50th Anniversary – June 5, 2024

Thank you for inviting me to be a part of this exciting day to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Islands Trust. I extend my gratitude to everyone at the Islands Trust, Council, the community and everyone who has played a role over the history of the Trust.

Today, you are doing more than celebrating an anniversary, you're celebrating the commitment to preserve and protect the natural wonder of the Gulf Islands, meeting the challenges of island life and creating opportunities to reconcile with local First Nations while confronting contemporary challenges head-on.

Although the people who work to serve their communities oftentimes remain unseen, they are still a foundation of healthy communities and ensure the islands' continued prosperity. This Islands Trust is an inspiring example of what we can accomplish when community, regional districts, the Province and local First Nations come together to serve the people and honour its wild places.

Congratulations on all that the Trust has achieved in reaching this milestone and in ensuring the people of the Gulf Islands have a dedicated group of public servants focused on preservation and protection, while fostering resilient and vibrant island communities and natural places.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anne Kang'.

Honourable Anne Kang
Minister of Municipal Affairs



From: Barron, Lisa Marie - M.P. <lisamarie.barron@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 5:26 PM
To: Executive Admin
Cc: Hopper, Deborah (Barron, Lisa Marie - MP)
Subject: Selection Committee Invite re. King Charles III Coronation Medal

Dear Mr. Luckham and Council,

As the Member of Parliament for Nanaimo – Ladysmith, I am pleased to participate as a nominating partner with the Governor General of Canada to recommend individuals to receive a King Charles III Coronation Medal. I have been allocated with 20 medals to present to deserving recipients in our Nanaimo – Ladysmith communities.

I am inviting members of the public to nominate outstanding Nanaimo – Ladysmith community members who have made a difference in our communities for consideration for a Coronation Medal. I believe that this is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge and honour the great work individuals in our area do everyday to make Nanaimo – Ladysmith the incredible place we call home.

I'm writing to invite you, or a member of your council to work with me on this project as a member of the selection committee. The selection committee will review the nominations and recommend the 20 individuals and 5 alternates that they believe I should nominate to the Governor General for the medals allocated to our region.

The nomination and selection process will be managed by a member of my team, Deborah Hopper, who has been copied on this email (Deborah.Hopper.818@parl.gc.ca; 250-616-2845). She will be the main contact for the selection committee and will be able to answer any questions that arise. Please email her the name and contact information of the person who will be participating from your council no later than **Friday, June 28, 2024**.

Recognizing that we all have busy schedules, I have included the current timelines for this project as well as some additional resources below.

Whether you or a member of your council are able to assist with the selection committee or not, I hope that you will join me later this year in recognizing some unsung heroes from our area. More information will be sent out as events are planned.

Kind regards,
Lisa Marie

Lisa Marie Barron

Member of Parliament for / Députée de Nanaimo – Ladysmith
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Timelines:

Selection committee members will be sent additional information as the process moves forward. The deadline for public nominations to the MP office is ***midnight on Wednesday, August 28, 2024.***

Currently, it is expected that the package of nominees will be sent to the committee by September 1, 2024, and that the committee will meet to discuss the nominees and finalize their recommendations the week of September 9, 2024.

The medal presentation is tentatively being planned for mid-November 2024 and, of course, the selection committee will be welcome to attend.

Additional Resources:

Forms and information about public nominations to MP Barron may be found at <https://lisamariebarron.ndp.ca/coronation-medal-nominations>

For more information on the King Charles III's Coronation Medal, including a list of additional nominating partners, please visit www.gg.ca/coronation.

From: William Thomas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 11:39 AM
To: Executive Admin
Cc: Timothy Peterson; Alex Allen; Grant Scott
Subject: Corrections to Draft Letter to BC Govt. Land Referrals
Attachments: Basic Premises & Objections (updated Aug 2023) .pdf

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Attn: Peter Luckham, Chair, Islands Trust Council and Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer

execadmin@islandstrust.bc.ca

June 12, 2024

Dear Messrs. Luckham and Hotsenpiller:

It's good to see the Trust's June 5 Press Release highlighting their 50 year mission to **"preserve and protect"** the Gulf Islands.

Less salutary is the realization that two years after Rogers Communications first informed a Trust planner of their intention to install a cell tower on Hornby Island — and 20 months after Rogers' formal application was finally disclosed to local residents — the Trust's prevarication and illegal blocking of trustee Alex Allen's call for a vote of nonconcurrence in Sept. '23 has resulted in the province taking over a decision that could destroy the scenic and natural values that attract visitors year-round.

Because I do not know the extent of your briefings on this matter, I am writing to inform you that many concerned residents of Hornby Island are concerned over the pending response to the province by our trustees that does not accurately reflect the wishes of this community.

As a legal opinion obtained by the Concerned Residents of Hornby Island (CRHI) pointed out and FOIA documents show, **Trust planners and our LTC could have halted this deeply flawed process a year ago.** Instead, during a recent May 22 Special Meeting, our LTC drew up a draft response to gov.bc West Coast Land Referrals without further community comment on their wording. (Perhaps this is a flaw in the process.)

This is why I am writing to you. Whether or not you've seen the letter, here are its key points and the corrections we'd like to see:

1. The site in question **"is the only place for public housing."** This is a principle consideration.
2. Trust Planner Cox correctly noted that public health concerns are not a permitted objection under government legislation. But the same planner incorrectly commented that public health concerns "are covered by Safety Code 6." They most certainly are *not*. This has been repeatedly

pointed out in my briefing papers to the Trust and ISED, as well as in the many letters sent by Hornby residents to the LTC. As a federal Parliamentary Committee reported, this code — crafted and “revised” by industry lobbyists — continues to brush aside **long-known biological impacts from constant exposure to microwave and Radio Frequency Radiation.**

3. Concerns for wildlife were, however, repeatedly raised by trustees Alex Allen and Grant Scott — including the **endangered species** inhabiting the area under threat. Though these are the only permissible health objections, it behooves the Islands Trust to accurately reflect the worries over human health expressed throughout the Gulf Islands. For the record.

4. Trustee Allen further noted that **“telecommunications towers” are not listed among permitted land uses on Hornby Island.** But planner Cox argued, “cell towers are permitted in All Zones.” Really? What’s happened to preserving and protecting this designated **Environmentally Sensitive Area** from continuous radiation shown in extensive German studies to wither and kill trees? What will happen to our highly vulnerable bees?

5. Importantly, Allen repeatedly referenced our OCP’s **Section 5.5.4: “All public service and utility installations on the Island should be for servicing Hornby Island only.”** As consultant Brian Gregg has publicly boasted, the initial seven (7) transmitting antennas already assigned to the proposed Rogers cell tower will serve nearby boaters and communities in the Salish Sea.

This OCP provision alone is enough to deny the Rogers application. Yet, our trustees have backed away from referencing this key clause. Why was Section 5.5.4 discarded in the Trust’s draft response to the province?

Just as worryingly, the draft response to West Coast Land Referrals claims: “b) substantial community opposition to a communications tower in this location has been received by the LTC.”

In fact, in signed petitions and verbal remarks, **at least 500 residents have voiced strong opposition to any and all cell towers on Hornby Island** — wherever they are located. Leaving this misleading clause unchanged opens the way to future corporate assaults here.

This letter is a formal request to reword **clause b)** to more properly read: **“substantial community opposition to the Rogers communications tower has been received by the LTC. This follows the overwhelming defeat of a proposed Telus telecommunications tower in 2017.”**

Additionally, **point c** will carry more weight if it includes **“... concerns over the effects of the tower on wildlife, given its proximity to the Mt. Geoffrey Provincial Park and migratory bird routes.”**

These small but significant changes will go far in restoring local trust in an Islands Trust corporation seen to be actively protecting our lives and livelihoods from corporate predation.

Unwanted cell towers are unsightly, dangerous and redundant. Thanks to the new antennas that have recently sprouted on Denman's cell tower, **Hornby now enjoys good cell reception in many areas.** Elon Musk's **Starlink is already providing full coverage here.** And **our fibre-optic network — chosen by 94% of respondents over a cell tower — will be completed this summer.**

The choice for **urgently needed community housing on this disputed parcel of Crown Land** has never been clearer. Or easier. By simply tightening up our trustees' draft response and citing our OCP, Hornby's precious natural amenities can be preserved and protected for future generations.

Thank you for your time and attention to these key consideration and corrections,

William Thomas

Attach: "Basic Premises And Objections".

William Thomas

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

BASIC PREMISES & OBJECTIONS

To the proposed Rogers cell tower on Hornby Island

We do not consent to our bodies, families, animals, pollinating insects and all living creatures on our properties being subjected to the electromagnetic pollution from a cellular communications tower operating continuously in the centre of our island. Festooned with multiple microwave (and eventually millimeter) transmitters, this proposed telecommunications tower would gravely increase our *involuntary* exposure to unwanted Radio Frequency Radiation (RFR) that could impose considerable costs on our community's health, environment and livelihoods.

Every Gigahertz hurts. While there are as yet no independent studies showing that 24/7 exposure to 4G Radio Frequency Radiation is safe, mounting worldwide injuries from electromagnetic fields (EMFs) and more than 1,800 contemporary studies conclusively show that when subtly whispering frequencies regulating the life-processes of all exposed organisms are overwhelmed with wireless frequencies oscillating *billions of times every second*, the effects are instantly deleterious. Moreover, these cascading health impacts are cumulative with each additional exposure.

We refuse to participate in the Rogers wireless experiment in a place where residents do not walk around glued to screens while eagles soar overhead. Attempting to impose a telecommunications tower festooned with various transmitters on a rural refuge for those seeking to *reduce* their electrosmog exposure violates our most fundamental Human Rights. And is a direct attack on our island's wildlife and their habitats.

Common chronic symptoms of prolonged wireless exposure include “dizziness, nervousness, chest pain, shortness of breath, numbness and tingling, weakness and difficulty in concentrating.” What happens if animals, children and elders start to get sick? Or, on a small island with a median age of 65, the irradiated infirm begin dying prematurely? [NOTE: All underlined sections are hyperlinks to sources.]



Please don't hurt me -Will Thomas photo

What about our birds and bees? Worldwide, 1 of every 8 bird species is facing extinction. The number of birds in Canada and the United States has declined by 29% — 3 billion birds — over the past half-century. Studies painstakingly ignored by the telcos have found that a cell tower smorgasbord of “resonant (piggybacking) frequencies may result in biological effects at very low intensities.”

So far, 113 separate investigations have shown the development and reproduction in birds, bees and other insects to be “the most strongly affected” by the 4G wireless frequencies initially sought by Rogers. Just as bees unable to lay eggs abandon their colonies after about ten days’ wireless exposure, birds exposed to unrelenting wireless emissions refuse to mate and leave their nests.

Hornby’s beekeepers are particularly alarmed. Due to their small size and inability to thermo-regulate when heated by electromagnetic radiation, bees are especially susceptible to RFR. Current 4G electromagnetic fields also interfere with the bees’ magneto-receptors used for navigation/orientation. Moreover, Bristol University researchers have found that bees’ hairs are highly sensitive to flowers’ delicate electrical fields.



Hundreds of bees drop dead around 5G towers in California

During controlled trials in Switzerland, bees reacted to mobile-phone signals with high-pitched ‘piping’ cues to desert the hive. (Appendix 1.) Beehives exposed for just ten minutes to 900MHz frequencies fell victim to colony collapse disorder.

Here on Hornby Island, we are acutely aware that further supply chain and climate change disruptions to industrial harvests will very likely make us much more reliant on local food sources. Who will intervene — *and what compensation is even possible* — if bees and seed-scattering birds abandon their hives and nests, and other pollinators start dying?

We further and most strenuously object to the bad faith shown by Rogers Communications through their lobbyist, Brian Gregg and his company, SitePath Consulting in dealing with our community. After his Telus tower proposal was defeated here in 2017, in the summer of 2022 a warier Mr. Gregg bypassed our Local Trust Committee (LTC) by submitting the Rogers application to the distant Trust head planner for our area, who “forgot” to notify our local trustees. Months passed until a Nov. 3 notice in local publications alerted us to this new threat.

If Mr. Gregg had communicated directly with our LTC, he would have learned of the more stringent protocols mandated by our MODEL STRATEGY FOR ANTENNA SYSTEMS (motion carried September 9, 2022) — as well an affordable housing development under consideration for his chosen site.

Incorrectly citing Hornby’s lack of siting procedure, Mr. Gregg chose instead to follow the telco industry’s own “guidelines”, set forth by Industry Canada — currently rebranded as Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED). Apprised of his error, Rogers continues to defy the Trust’s Antenna Siting Model’s most important proviso: “The Model Strategy federally compels companies to engage in extensive public consultation before installation of cell towers.” (Appendix 5.)

Rogers and SitePath are currently in violation of ISED’s own “minimum” PUBLIC CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS, mandated by the Comox Valley Regional District, whose jurisdiction includes Hornby Island. As set forth in the CVRD’s Telecommunication and Antenna Systems Application and Consultation Process: “The Proponent is to host a public information meeting in order to share relevant information with members of the public who may be affected by the proposed development. The public information meeting: *Should be hosted in-person.*” [our emphasis]

We further point to our own siting protocols, which stipulate that for a tower exceeding 15 meters in height, “a public information meeting” is required. (Signed by Hornby LTC Sept. 9, 2022.) We strongly advise Rogers Communications, SitePath Consulting, the CVRD and the Islands Trust not to violate these local and federal mandates. As a Trust Regional Planning Manager has said on record: “The Model Strategy federally compels companies to engage in extensive public consultation before installation of cell towers.”

I have yet to meet anyone who has seen an illustration of the proposed tower, or renderings of the site before and after construction. Glitch-prone virtual calls that discriminate against those unable to log on (including our trustees) are no substitute for the required public presentation — including site maps and illustrations of the proposed tower *in situ*.

A straw poll of Hornby residents conducted by this writer asked if they had received an unsolicited information package from Rogers outlining their proposal and application process, including a site plan and sketch of their 63-meter-high cell tower? (yes or no)

And do they feel that Rogers and the Islands Trust have provided them with enough information in a timely manner to be fully informed on this tower application and date of the LTC vote? (yes or no)

Replies to date:

Question 1 = 100% NO

Question 2 = 100% NO

This response is echoed in 17 Petition sheets signed by 249 concerned Hornby Island residents opposed to the Rogers tower.

What else are Hornby Islanders saying? The following are key excerpts from a group letter sent to Rogers on Jan. 31, 2023:

“The resident citizens of Hornby Island have many questions regarding the Public Consultation Process... Expressions of concern are being raised throughout the community, including the Fire department, the Depot staff, the Elementary School, the social housing committee and a large number of residents...

“We need answers to why our community is being caged into feeling that we no longer have any say over our own destiny. This is not what we moved here for. This is not why we chose to raise our children and grandchildren here...

“Corporate bullying and government overreach that seek to cut the public out of decisions heavily impacting our lives cannot and should not be tolerated... A process that disregards our right to be informed, and either reject or consent to life-altering decisions, has life-long, hence legal, implications.”

Brian Gregg complains that during his 2017 public presentation, some islanders allegedly voiced amplified objections to the Telus millimeter tower proposal. “Someone” even defaced one of the Telus displays with a *permanent* marker! That grandmother told this reporter she had used a black marker to “correct inaccuracies in the site plan” — *whilst speaking with Mr. Gregg.*

No complaints were made by him at the time. Six years later, the SitePath founder announced he was “too afraid” to face the community his actions directly threaten — before admitting on a subsequent video call that he has never felt under physical threat from anyone here. Not even after blandly assuring one of our members by email (Jan 14, 2023)... “there is plenty of space for housing” on the Crown Land targeted for the proposed tower.

As Brian Gregg went on to explain: “Rogers’ proposed footprint is nominal and less than a single family house. There are many instances wherein communication sites are in proximity to other uses such as housing.”

Really, Mr. Gregg? Rogers is inviting us to cluster urgently needed affordable housing units close beneath a telecommunications tower known to produce serious health issues at point-blank range? Siting cell towers adjacent to homes is recognized by governments worldwide as a dangerous practice. SitePath’s admission also directly contravenes the prohibitions set forth in the ISED, CVRD and Islands Trust Model Antenna Siting protocols.

Furthermore, schedules D1 and D2 in our Community Bylaw #149 opposes siting cell towers in Aquifers and Environmentally Sensitive Areas. The proposed tower is well within protected area IIA. Furthermore, our Model Siting Strategy’s “Section C: Discouraged Locations” discourages cell tower sites within “bird and wildlife habitat...” that “adversely impact view corridors...” and/or “affect the scenic qualities of a corridor.” (Appendix 2.)

Since the “scenic qualities” of our island attract year-round residents and many thousands of annual visitors — and because tourism is the mainstay of our local economy — we submit that erecting a tree-topping, steel eyesore towering over Hornby’s central district would present a significant economic threat to the artisans, vacation renters, recreation providers and many other local entrepreneurs dependent on our island’s year-round, “scenic” trade.

How many residents and visitors who come to Hornby seeking respite from urban “electrosmog” will move away or stay away if this proposed telecommunications tower becomes operational?

We further observe that, once approved, ISED allows tower height to be increased by 25% with *no additional permits required*. This means we are likely looking at a 250-foot structure in the middle of our island!

Moreover, if approved by our LTC and ISED, Rogers could lease space on their tower to other telecom providers for additional 4G and (eventually) 5G antennas — without any additional regulatory oversight. Since this island is primarily served by Telus, they will be first in line to install their transmitters on the Rogers tower. Neither the residents of Hornby Island nor the Islands Trust would receive any of these revenues. But we will be left with the consequences.

Fire is a constant concern on a densely treed island subjected to extreme drought conditions. Many online videos and news stories showcase cell tower fires, which are extremely difficult to extinguish. Whether the result



of maintenance or malfunction, a burning telecommunications tower on the edge of Mt Geoffrey Provincial Park would almost certainly ignite the surrounding forest canopy.

Quickly ascending Mt. Geoffrey's steep slopes, such a "crown" blaze would present a nearly impossible challenge for our volunteer fire-fighters to control.

How big is this risk? We insist that *any* additional hazard to our forests and their wild inhabitants is unacceptable.

Furthermore, we are aware that through a process called "superheterodyning", intersecting frequencies from multiple cell tower antennas, including an inevitable mix of microwave and millimeter wavelengths, add to or multiply each other — resulting in additional unintended frequencies that can cause much hotter power densities and "radio-frequency-related arcing." Welding repairs have also started cell tower fires. [Photo: cell tower fire during maintenance in Bensalem, Pa. - CSMonitor.com]

Trees that aren't burnt down improve air quality, scrub greenhouse CO₂ from the air, release oxygen, help prevent flooding, keep soils nutrient-rich, and provide habitat for many critters. Installing wireless infrastructure further compromises forests by felling and aggressively trimming trees to build the road access and concrete pad necessary to extend a tall steel tower like a corporate middle-finger. Mechanical digging and nonstop Radio Frequency Radiation further disrupt vital root zones extending underground far beyond the interwoven canopy above.

We further underscore the many documented instances of withered plant life and forest seedling dieback in proximity to cell towers, with attendant oxidative harm on tightly interwoven soil, fungi, insect and waterborne ecologies.

If a cell tower fire poses a major threat to Mt. Geoffrey's woodlands, extensive forest withering and dieback from this ill-advised commercial adventure is a certainty. Plants perceive and respond to electromagnetic fields. "Weak radio frequency radiation exposure from mobile phone radiation on plants" — a meta-analysis of 45 peer-reviewed scientific publications — concluded that *90% of plants exposed to wireless antennas show "physiological and/or morphological effects."* [our emphasis]

Those who follow rather than dodge "the science" know that in all lifeforms within range of wireless, artificially inducted low intensity electromagnetic fields open voltage-gated calcium channels, leading to excessive calcium inside cells and consequent dis-ease. The same mechanism afflicts plants with excess calcium, resulting in thinner cell walls, stunted growth from smaller chloroplasts and mitochondria, and enhanced emissions of terpenes and other volatile compounds at the non-thermal levels Rogers, ISED and Health Canada's "Safety Code 6" so determinably ignore.

"Trees are receiving antennas for electromagnetic fields," explains Environmental Health Trust. Electromagnetic frequencies from telecommunications towers have been found to alter the growth and development of trees. A detailed nine-year study in two German cities has found extensive harm to trees from electromagnetic radiation emitted by mobile phone masts hundreds of feet away.

Undercut Slope, North of the TETRA Base Station



Taken from a must-see study crammed with alarming photos by Rolf and Rosa Grimm, exposed by logging, this devastated slope is 2950 feet from a low-power 383 MHz base station. EMF-induced tree damage usually starts on the exposed side, this multi-year survey found, “extending to the whole tree over time.”

Radiofrequency radiation injures trees around mobile phone base stations — a published field study that monitored over 100 trees for nine years — has found “a high level of damage to trees” in the vicinity of phone masts. The authors conclude that “*deployment has been continued without consideration of environmental impact.*” [our emphasis]

Despite the myriad dangers of non-ionizing EMFs extensively documented since 1945, Rogers threatens full cellular coverage on an island already mostly served by cell towers on nearby Vancouver, Denman and Texada islands. Problem is, *we are all highly conductive antennas*. If a cell phone is receiving a signal pulsating at 24, 36 or 50 billion-times-per-second — so is its operator!

It’s all these silently jackhammering pulsations — *not* power levels — that result in wireless afflictions. The radius of emissions requiring residents' notification of this proposed pollution source extend to our recycling depot, community workshop, ballpark, gravel yard, new firehall, community hall, clinic, credit union, dental bus, elementary school, and Mt. Geoffrey’s tower-facing slope. (Appendix 4.)



Mt. Geoffrey Provincial Park attracts international visitors -Will Thomas photo

If 4G is proving increasingly problematic, the reckless rush to 5G promises catastrophe. Soon after Nanaimo became “the first city in Canada to receive Rogers Communications’ new 3500 MHz 5G cellular system” last June, some residents began suffering nose bleeds and other EMF-related health problems from untested millimeter waves. The *DailyMail* reports that high-band 5G frequencies “may affect the eyes, the testes, the skin, the peripheral nervous system, and sweat glands.”

“5G is a power hog,” observes the Environmental Health Trust. “Higher data rates can only be achieved by consuming more energy,” which in turn, “supercharges demand for more electronic devices,” cautions International Policy Institute Cybersecurity Fellow, Claire Curran. In sharp contrast, non-irradiating fibre optic bundles are the most climate friendly transmission technology, providing streaming video transmission nearly 50 times more efficient than 5G.

Even worse, as 5G replaces current 4th Generation technologies, energy consumption is expected to increase 61x between 2020 and 2030.

Rogers may be fine with accelerating climate shift, but islanders watching tidelines inexorably rise are not. The HCC, an independent body advising the French government on policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, warns that 5G tech alone will add up to 6.7 million tonnes of CO2e (equivalents) per year by 2030.

4G is the gateway drug to 5G. So it is with increasing concern we observe that the corporate/government push to force worldwide connectivity onto increasingly AI-directed humans and machines requires high-capacity “backhauls” to feed 5G’s voracious data demands through fibre-optic cables. Coming so closely on our decision to commence construction of a high-speed fibre-optic communications network, Rogers’ announced strategic goal of installing 5G “cells” across Canada leaves us with zero doubt that this Toronto-based corporation’s ultimate objective is to inflict 5G on our island. Just as soon as their 4G Trojan tower is approved and our fibre optic network — already under construction — becomes available.

As noted above, not only would this 4G/5G mix on the same tower greatly increase our forest fire risk, the notoriously short-range of weak 5G “junk frequencies” necessitate tacking small cell, switchable beam scanning transmitters onto power lines and power poles at least every 250 meters. And much closer in a place like this lushly treed island, where a single leaf can block a 5G tracking beam.

If Rogers’ initial 4G tower proposal is approved, every property on Hornby Island could, within a few years, be subjected to pulsed millimeter waves already in use for crowd and pest control. And what about the birds? Punjab U. researchers have observed that sparrows eggs are disfigured after exposure to 5G radiation for just 5-30 minutes. This means that an extremely high density of small cell EMFs in bird habitats “could cause whole populations of birds to have mutations that threaten their population’s survival,” Curran notes.

Following repeated and spurious refusals to abide by the community participation protocols mandated by our Community Plan, the Islands Trust, and CVRD/ISED, we do not trust any statements made by Rogers Communications and their SitePath lobbyist. At this point in a much abused process, only a long-overdue public meeting can clear the air.

In rejecting the initial Telus application to install a cell tower in Dove Creek, the CVRD has requested an environmental assessment. We request the same due diligence, with the proviso that any EIA conducted on our environmentally sensitive island *must be conducted by an assessor with EMF expertise*.

Additionally, we want information on Rogers, SitePath, Trust and CVRD insurance policies specifically covering all damages resulting from EMF exposure.

IN CONCLUSION

Denial is not an effective defence against “always on,” intensely pulsating electromagnetic fields. Will government regulators and our local trustees protect the plant, insect and animal kingdoms that nourish our souls and keep us alive? RFR researcher and nature poet, Lynne Wycherley calls continuous irradiation from rapidly proliferating small cells, wireless masts and telecommunications towers, “fracking the air.” This “super-saturated wireless,” Wycherley writes, “is dysfunctional. And spiritually disturbing.” It suggests a mindset deeply at odds with the orchid-like beauty of the Earth.”

The rush to irradiate every nook and cranny of this wounded planet for corporate profit and social manipulation suggests unelected technocrats run amok and unexamined technologies out of control. Chronic illness and general malaise among our residents, forced dislocation of wildlife and our EMF-susceptible residents, ruined viewscapes, disillusioned tourists seeking electromagnetic refuge, RFR-withered flora, heightened forest fire risk on a steep-sloping mountainside, and heightened stress among expectant mothers, health-challenged seniors and all Hornby Islanders cognizant of EMF dangers — are too steep a price for questionable convenience. Especially since our emergency responders already communicate via a radio antenna near the firehall.

With these considerations in mind, we insist that all corporate and elected officials involved in the Rogers project on Hornby Island first and foremost follow the Precautionary Principle employed by their European counterparts. This cold dash of sanity requires the purveyors and enablers of any potentially harmful tech to demonstrate its safety *before* rolling it out here.

In closing, we wholeheartedly endorse the Ford Cove resident who so eloquently told a Telus rep at our 2017 open house: “Just go away. Leave us alone.”

In service,

William Thomas

for the Concerned Residents of Hornby Island

Special thanks to West Coast Environmental Law, the Dove Creek resistance and Vancouver Island Safe Tech Alliance for their contributions to this report.



This Hornby visitor finds good cell coverage on Big Trib -Will Thomas photo

Appendix 1.

EMF IMPACTS ON FLORA & FAUNA

Sources & Links

Levitt, Lai and Manville (2022) Low-level EMF effects on wildlife and plants:

- [Effects of non-ionizing electromagnetic fields on flora and fauna, part 1.](#)
- [Effects of non-ionizing electromagnetic fields on flora and fauna, Part 2 impacts: how species interact with natural and man-made EMF .](#)
- [Effects of non-ionizing electromagnetic fields on flora and fauna, Part 3. Exposure standards, public policy, laws, and future directions.](#)

(full report)

[Anthropogenic Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields as an Emerging Threat to Wildlife Orientation](#)

[Impacts of radio-frequency electromagnetic field \(RF-EMF\) from cell phone towers and wireless devices on biosystems and ecosystems](#)

[Review of the ecological effects of radiofrequency electromagnetic fields \(RF-EMF\)](#)

[Report on Possible Impacts of Communication Towers on Wildlife Including Birds and Bees.](#) (Ministry of Environment and Forest. India)
(pdf)

[Biological effects from exposure to electromagnetic radiation emitted by cell tower base stations and other antenna arrays.](#) (Page 374- Biological Effects at Low intensity)

[Electromagnetic Pollution From Phone Masts. Effects on Wildlife Studies on the Effects of Radio-Frequency Fields on Conifers](#)

Long-term exposure of young spruce and beech trees to 2450-MHz microwave radiation.

Radiofrequency radiation injures trees around mobile phone base stations.

Forty Percent of the World's Bird Populations Are in Decline

Effects of Different Kinds of EMFs on the Offspring Production of Insects

Electromagnetic radiation: Influences on honeybees

Mobile phone-induced honeybee worker piping

Changes in honeybee behavior and biology under the influence of cellphone radiations.

Report on Possible Impacts of Communication Cell Towers on Wildlife Including Birds and Bees.

Exposure to cell phone radiations produces biochemical changes in worker honey

The effects of microwaves on the trees and other plants.

The influence of electromagnetic fields on flora and fauna

The Soil Food Web. It is a living organism.

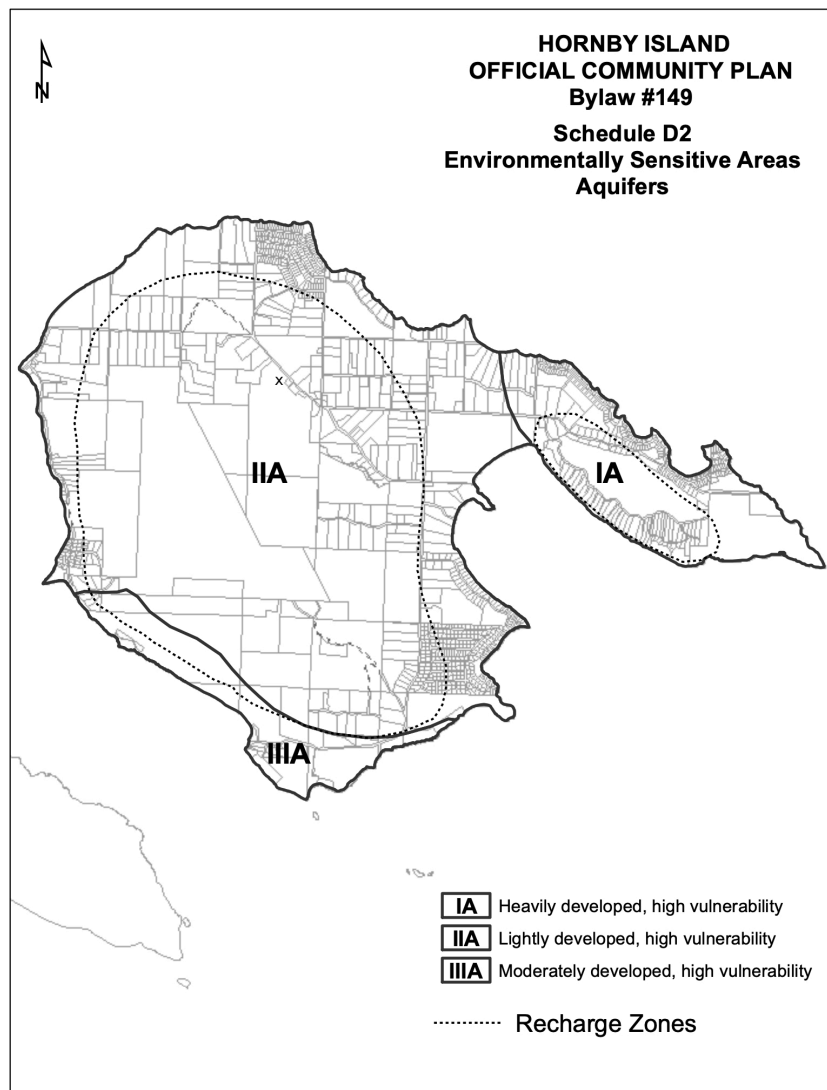
In Sierra Madre a bystander videos bee death between 2 cell towers that have multiple antenna.

MOBILE TELEPHONY RADIATION EFFECTS ON LIVING ORGANISMS (U. of Athens, Greece)

Appendix 2.

CVRD Tower Siting & Consultation Requirements

“... proponents should seek to locate Telecommunication Antenna Systems outside of... Wetlands and Ecologically sensitive lands and areas; Ecologically important parklands and parklands where migratory and resident birds are known to congregate,” and/or “Within 400 metres of ecologically sensitive lands and park spaces with significant wildlife and bird habitat values; that adversely impact view corridors.”
(x marks the proposed tower site)



Appendix 3

Hornby Island Group Letter to Rogers

Appendix 4.

Resident's rendering of tower emissions radius requiring residents' notification:



Appendix 5.

MODEL STRATEGY FOR ANTENNA SYSTEMS

Appendix 6.

Dove Creek Tower Proposal Not Granted

Vancouver Island Safe Tech Alliance is celebrating its March 7, 2023 victory, of which they report by email: “The CVRD Electoral Areas Services Committee did NOT grant a letter of concurrence for the proposed 1388 Ellenor Rd tower in Comox and attached three conditions that must be met before moving forward: 1) Telus rep Brian Gregg must consult with the K’ómoks First Nation, 2) ISED needs to meet with the CVRD, and 3) Telus is to hire a ‘Qualified Environmental Risk Assessor’. Will this permit postponement become permanent? The CVRD has recently reversed its initial decision against a 63-meter cell tower in the Cowichan Valley.

From: Laura Patrick
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 9:15 PM
To: EC
Subject: Fwd: Public Engagement at the Quarterly Trust Council Meeting
Attachments: March, Eric G - Letter to the Trust Council June 2024 Quartlery Meeitng.pdf

Please accept this as late correspondence and share with all trustees.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Eric March <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Public Engagement at the Quarterly Trust Council Meeting
Date: June 17, 2024 at 3:59:37 PM PDT
To: lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca, pluckham@islandstrust.bc.ca
Cc: lpatrik@islandstrust.bc.ca

Greetings Lori and Peter,

I am writing regarding the Public Comment period at the upcoming Quarterly Trust Council meeting. I was greatly disappointed to find out that not only is the only time public engagement is allowed during work hours, but after the delegations have finished there are only 10 min remaining for comments from the general public. It does not seem like 10 min gives much time for the public to speak, and more importantly, by holding your public engagement from 2:00-3:00 on a weekday you are ensuring you will only hear from folks who are retired, wealthy, or secure enough to take time off work. Unfortunately I am not a member of any of those groups and therefore have basically been forbidden from speaking to the trust council during a rare visit to my home island.

I have written a letter to the Trustees of the Trust Council and attached it to this email. I request that since I am unable to participate in this Trust Council Public Comment session that you accept this letter into the record and share it with all of the Trustees.

Cheers,
Eric G March
[REDACTED]

June 17th 2024
Eric G March
Salt Spring Island

To the Trustees of the Islands Trust Council,

Welcome to Salt Spring Island for your quarterly meeting. My name is Eric G March, I am a worker at a local business and a renter here on Salt Spring Island. Unfortunately being a worker often prevents me from participating in local government. For almost the entire length of your quarterly meeting I will be at work supporting the island economy with my labour. On June 18th during the public comment period from 2:00-3:00, you will hear from several delegations. Glenn Stevens of the Clean and Safe Harbour Initiative is going to tell you that much of our liveaboard community should be evicted from our harbour. Ronald Wright of Keep Salt Spring Sustainable and Jennifer Margison of Friends of the Gulf Islands are going to share similar messages regarding the Trust Policy Statement, including that housing is not a unique amenity and shouldn't be a part of preserve and protect. While I do not begrudge these people their chance to speak, everybody deserves a voice and you will have three delegations that will have comments that negatively affect workers, renters, and their ability to survive on Salt Spring Island. You will not hear from me, someone who is unable to attend a mid-day meeting due to work. I hope you will take this to heart and take the time to read what I have to say.

Salt Spring Island is in crisis, a crisis that almost entirely affects our workers. Housing is almost impossible to find. Full stop. *Legal* housing might as well be a unicorn. *Affordable* housing? Forget about it. We have a harbour full of folks who can't find affordable housing on land. If you take the time to drive around our island you will find numerous properties with RVs and Trailers set up and occupied. If you know where to look there are numerous secret RV parks and tiny house villages. We have essential workers who rent RV pads at resorts. When the Islands Trust was created in 1974 it was created to protect our islands from dense residential development. Now in 2024 we need the Islands Trust to help us create the right kind of housing. Contrasting with our lack of affordable housing and abundance of illegal dwellings, Salt Spring is full of mansions, full of houses occupied two weeks a year, full of wealth. I would like to tie this to the Trust Policy Statement. I think it is absolutely essential to add things like "housing" and "livelihoods" to the unique amenities preserved and protected by the Islands Trust. However it should be "affordable housing" or "workforce housing" that is preserved and protected. The Islands Trust is in charge of land use. If we are dealing with a crisis of water it is time to ban swimming pools, restrict eco resorts, and use zoning to promote the right kinds of housing. I love my rural island, I do not want to see the residential subdivisions the Islands Trust was created to prevent. I do not want to see suburbs spring up. But let's allow greater density in our villages. Let's preserve and protect our teachers, nurses, ferry workers, retail workers, production workers, the folks required to keep our island functioning. Sustainability is

incredibly important to me, but an Island where a full time job doesn't even guarantee you housing is not sustainable by any measure.

While I will not be given the opportunity to speak, you will quite possibly be given the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of my labour. Therefore I would like to finish this letter with a challenge. I am willing to make myself available in the evening, any time after 6:00pm, to meet with any member of the trust council or any group of trustees who wish to speak with me. I'd love to learn more about the positions of trustees from other islands on the housing crunch in the Gulf Islands, and I'd love to share more about some of the difficulties inherent to living and working on Salt Spring Island. I can best be reached via email at EricGMarch@gmail.com

Thank you for your time. I wish you all the best and hope you have a productive quarterly meeting.

Sincerely

Eric G March

EricGMarch@gmail.com



HIGHLIGHTS OF ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY MAY 28TH, 2024 BOARD MEETING

NOTE: For more detail on Islands Trust Conservancy meetings, including meeting minutes, please visit <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/whats-happening/meetings-and-events/>

1. ORGANIZATION UPDATES/TEAM

- Manager Emmings notified the Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) Board that the posting for a board member vacancy is live and has been broadly distributed. The posting closes June 7th, 2024.
- The ITC Board was introduced to Emily McLean, ITC's summer co-op student.
- Manager Emmings notified the ITC Board of her temporary appointment as Manager with the BC Conservation Data Centre from June 10th, 2024 to September 16th, 2025.
- Director Frater informed the ITC Board that Carolyn Stewart will be Acting Manager for ITC starting June 17th, 2024 until January 16th, 2025.

2. STRATEGIC PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION

- The ITC Board considered the 2024/25 Work Plan and approved the following:
 - Extension of the Regional Conservation Plan by two years until December 2029.
 - Rescind resolution ITC-2020-030: "That the ITC Board direct staff to complete an ITC Reconciliation Action Plan that incorporates actions in Goal 2 of the Regional Conservation Plan" to ensure that steps towards Reconciliation are informed by First Nations engagement for the ITC Plan.
 - Prioritization of: Goal Two of the Regional Conservation Plan related to strengthening relationships with First Nations; components of Goal One related to knowledge, information, and data management of ITC properties; and, components of Goal Three related to ongoing management of ITC protected areas.
 - Removal of the current Climate Change Impacts Project from the ITC Work Plan.
 - Exploration of climate change projects and research to address the climate emergency in ITC protected areas once ITC has a new Property Management Team Lead.
- The ITC Board approved the Audited Financial Statements for the 2023/24 fiscal year, and referred the statements to Islands Trust Council for information.
- The ITC Board directed staff to prepare an ITC budget request, including budget allocation for \$220,000 associated with the Species at Risk Program.

3. COVENANT AND PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

- The ITC Board received updates on negotiations for four conservation covenants and two acquisitions.



ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY REPORT TO LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEES AND BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

4. COVENANT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- The ITC Board directed staff to delay work on nature reserve management plans until an approved ITC Plan from the Minister of Municipal Affairs is received.
- The ITC Board directed staff to continue work on a Risk Assessment Policy through a phased approach that includes public safety with reference to the BC *Occupier Liabilities Act*, and identification of properties that would benefit from a core policy of conservation and environmental management.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

- ITC issued its Spring 2024 Heron Newsletter available at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/conservancy/heron-newsletter/>.
- The ITC Board approved the ITC Annual Report text for approval by Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.
- The ITC Board directed staff to develop communications materials for stakeholders and the public with regards to the updated ITC Work Plan and elements of the Regional Conservation Plan (2017-2029).

6. FUNDRAISING AND CONSERVANCY SUPPORT

- ITC issued its 2023/24 Impact Report available at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/conservancy/our-impact/>.
- The ITC Board approved an Opportunity Fund Grant for the Bowen Island Conservancy.

Learn more about Islands Trust Conservancy: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/conservancy/>

Subscribe for Islands Trust Conservancy updates: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/subscribe/>

From: Alison Garnett <Alison.Garnett@cvrd.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 11:08 AM
To: Executive Admin
Cc: Coralie Breen
Subject: CVRD OCP Bylaw 4373 - forthcoming referral
Attachments: 2024-05-14 OCP Bylaw 4373 Referral Letter Islands Trust SIGNED.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good morning

Please find attached letter regarding the CVRD OCP for the Electoral Areas Bylaw 4373 forthcoming referral.

Thanks for your assistance distributing the letter to the addressed.

Sincerely
Ali

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File: 6480-20

Chair Peter Luckham
Islands Trust
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via email: execadmin@islandstrust.bc.ca

Dear Chair Luckham:

Re: CVRD OCP for the Electoral Areas Bylaw 4373 Forthcoming Referral

The CVRD is nearing the completion of a multi-year project to harmonize and modernize the Official Community Plan for the Electoral Areas. The draft modernized OCP Bylaw 4373 provides a vision and policy direction for the electoral areas within a regional planning context over the next 20 years.

It is anticipated that OCP Bylaw 4373 will be considered by the Board for first reading in fall 2024 and a formal referral to CVRD municipalities and adjacent regional districts will follow. Your feedback and input are important to us in creating an OCP that considers the interests of the region.

To find more information about the draft OCP please visit our project website at: www.planyourcowichan.ca

If you would like to know more about the project please contact project lead, Coralie Breen, Manager, Planning - Strategic Initiatives, at 250.746.2625 or Coralie.Breen@cvrd.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Danielle Myles Wilson
Chief Administrative Officer

pc:
Russ Hotsenpiller, CAO, Islands Trust
Stefan Cermak, Director of Planning Services, Islands Trust
Coralie Breen, Manager, Planning – Strategic Initiatives

Active Projects Report

Executive Committee

1. Update Islands Trust Policy Statement

With involvement from Trust Programs Committee as appropriate, co-ordinate a review of the Policy Statement including a First Nations and public engagement process. Updated Project charter approved March 2023. (Strategic Plan 3.1, 4.4 , 5.6, 5.7)

Responsible

Clare Frater
Russ Hotsenpiller

Dates

Rec'd: 26-Feb-2020
Target: 26-Sep-2023

2. First Nations Reconciliation

Develop Islands Trust First Nations Reconciliation and engagement planning (Strategic Plan Items 4.5 & 4.6)

Responsible

Russ Hotsenpiller

Dates

Rec'd: 02-Sep-2020

3. Provincial Funding Strategy

Develop a strategy to request additional funding from the Province, including revisiting the provincial grant funding formula to the Islands Trust.

Responsible

Russ Hotsenpiller

Dates

Rec'd: 07-Mar-2023

3. Request for Provincial Review

Per Trust Council request respond to Minister Kang to the effect that Trust Council will revisit the request for a review of Islands Trust mandate, governance and structure and provide the minister with an update.

Responsible

Russ Hotsenpiller

Dates

Rec'd: 08-Mar-2023
Target: 06-Dec-2023

Active Projects Report

Executive Committee

4. *Strategic Planning*

Guide the development and implementation of the Islands Trust Strategic Plan.

Responsible

Russ Hotsenpiller

Dates

Rec'd: 03-May-2023

5. *Communications*

Development of an Islands Trust Communications Strategy.

Responsible

Clare Frater
Russ Hotsenpiller

Dates

Rec'd: 03-May-2023

Future Projects Report

Executive Committee

1. *Marine Ecosystems*

Responsible

Date Received

Advance the preservation and protection of marine ecosystems.

03-May-2023

2. *MOTI MOU's*

Responsible

Date Received

To engage with the Ministry of Transportation on a updated Memorandum of Understanding.

03-May-2023

3. *Climate Change Emergency*

Responsible

Date Received

Programming associated with the Climate Change declaration of the Islands Trust.

03-May-2023

4. *Request to Minister for Review of Islands Trust*

Responsible

Date Received

To follow up on the request by Trust Council for a review of the Islands Trust by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

01-Nov-2023

5. *Summary of requests by Trust Council to approach the Province to provide ongoing funding to the Islands Trust*

Responsible

Date Received

This work item is the combination of a number of requests by Trust Council (March 2023), (July 2023) and previous terms to develop a strategy to request further funding from the Province.