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**March 7 - 9, 2023, Islands Trust Council Meeting Program Announced**

*Lək̓ʷəŋən*, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – Islands Trust Council invites the public to participate in its next business meeting being held in Nanaimo at the Coast Bastion Hotel, 11 Bastion Street, March 7 - 9, 2023. There are multiple options for participating in or viewing the meeting. The public are able to attend in-person and welcome to listen and participate by telephone, join the meeting by computer or smartphone, or simply watch the meeting on a computer or smartphone.

Trust Council meets quarterly to make decisions about matters that apply to the Islands Trust Area and Islands Trust operations. Trust Council receives, discusses, and makes decisions about policies, finances, and proposed work for the coming quarter.

**Featured Sessions**

**Delegations and Public Comment Session** - Present to Trust Council or speak at the Public Comments portion of the meeting on matters impacting the Trust Area.

Anyone wishing to present to Trust Council is required to submit [this form](#) and complete presentation by February 14, 2023. Visit <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/contact-us/share-your-views/> for more details.

**Budget 2023/24** - Trust Council will consider approval of a final 2023/24 budget.

The final meeting schedule and agenda package will be posted to the [meeting page](#) and [Document Library](#) on the Islands Trust website by February 24, 2023.

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

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Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies representing 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust area and another 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to over 28,000 Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area's unique environment and amenities by planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5,200 square kilometres.

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