Islands Trust Council

Meeting Agenda

Date: Friday, November 13 through Saturday, November 14, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. start time on Friday

Location: Coast Victoria Hotel & Marina - Coast Ballroom

146 Kingston Street, Victoria B.C. V8V 1V4

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1. WELCOME REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

2. CALL TO ORDER

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Review of the Agenda

Late items, new items, and re-ordering of the agenda.

3.2 Approval of the Agenda

4. GOVERNANCE AND THE ROLE OF TRUSTEES 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Chief Administrative Officer, Rueben Bronee

5. NOTICE OF ELECTION & INTENT FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

6. ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL COMMITTEES 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM

6.1 Committee Overviews

- Accessibility Committee
- Financial Planning Committee
- Governance Committee
- Regional Planning Committee
- Trust Programs Committee

6.2 Expressions of Interest

7. ISLANDS TRUST DEPARTMENT OVERVIEWS 11:15 AM - 2:00 PM

7.1 **Legislative and Information Services** 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Director, David Marlor

7.2 **Financial and Employee Services** 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Acting Director, Derek Cockburn

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12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

7.3 **Planning Services** 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Director, Stefan Cermak

7.4 **Trust Area Services** 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Director, Clare Frater

8. **ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

8.1 **Introduction to the Islands Trust Conservancy**

Manager, Wendy Tyrrell

8.2 **Notice of Intent for the Islands Trust Conservancy Board**

BREAK

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

9. **CLOSED SESSION** 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM

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

10. **EXECUTIVE COMMMITTEE & ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY BOARD CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS** 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

11. **COMMUNICATIONS** 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM

11.1 **Introduction to Communications Policies and Practices**

Director, Clare Frater

12. **CORRESPONDENCE** 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

12.1 2026-10-27 Minister of Transport Steven MacKinnon - Reply Letter Regarding M-35 Federal Operational Support for BC Ferries 4 - 5

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12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

13. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

13.1 Executive Committee

13.2 Islands Trust Conservancy Board

14. ENGAGEMENT / COLLABORATION 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

14.1 Delegations

14.2 Public Comments

15. NEXT MEETING

The next Islands Trust Council Quarterly Meeting is scheduled to be held in-person in Victoria at the Hotel Grand Pacific, December 8 - 10, 2026.

15.1 Proposed December Islands Trust Council Program 6 - 7

Received for information.

16. ADJOURNMENT ~2:30 PM

Minister of Transport
and Leader of the Government
in the House of Commons

Ministre des Transports
et leader du gouvernement
à la Chambre des communes

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0N5

October 27, 2026

Laura Patrick
Chair
Islands Trust Council

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Executive Administrative Assistant
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Good day:

Thank you for your correspondence of September 23, 2026, on behalf of Islands Trust Council, expressing your support for motion “M-35 Federal Operational Support for BC Ferries.”

The Government of Canada understands the importance of ferry services to coastal communities like those within the Islands Trust Area—they are an integral part of Canada’s transportation network.

Transport Canada’s support for ferry services is limited to those that meet the following criteria:

- (i) fulfill a constitutional mandate, such as the ferry service between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia provided by Marine Atlantic Inc.;
- (ii) serve remote communities; or
- (iii) provide interprovincial service and have had a history of longstanding financial support from the Government of Canada.

Under the Canada–British Columbia coastal ferry subsidy agreement of 1977, the Government of Canada provides an annual grant to the Government of British Columbia to support coastal ferry services. Through this agreement, the province has sole responsibility for determining which ferry services receive financial assistance. The total amount of the grant to British Columbia for the 2026–27 fiscal year is approximately $38.6 million, and the provincial government sends this funding to BC Ferries to support operations.

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The federal government has also taken steps to provide various types of assistance to ferry operators in Canada, including waiving tariffs on the importation of used ferry vessels of all sizes; making ferry-related infrastructure projects eligible for funding under the New Building Canada Fund (including vessel purchases or conversions, wharves, passenger terminals, and access road infrastructure); providing funding to BC Ferries through the safe restart agreement during the COVID-19 pandemic; and providing loans to BC Ferries to help renew its fleet.

Lastly, I should note that the Coastal Ferry Services Contract between the Province of British Columbia and BC Ferries establishes routes, service levels and service fees. Therefore, any questions concerning the cost of ferry services or potential fare reductions should be directed to the province. If you have not already done so, I would encourage you to reach out to British Columbia's Minister of Transportation and Transit, who oversees the provincial relationship with BC Ferries.

Thank you again for writing and sharing your position on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



The Honourable Steven MacKinnon, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

c.c. The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Finance and National Revenue

The Honourable Gregor Robertson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada

Islands Trust Council Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Date & Time: 1:00 PM, Tuesday, December 8 through 1:00 PM, Thursday, December 10, 2026

Location: Hotel Grand Pacific - Vancouver Island Ballroom, 463 Belleville Street #3, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X3

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TUESDAY

Time	DAY 1 - Session Highlights	Agenda Item
10:00 AM	**Executive Committee Meeting - Galiano Room**	Please visit the event web page for the agenda.
	Islands Trust Council Meeting Begins at 1:00 PM	
1:00 PM	**Welcome and Introductions** • Call to Order and Territorial Welcome • Approval of Agenda	TBD
1:25 PM	**General Business Arising** • Islands Trust Council Committee Work Programs • Correspondence	TBD
2:00 PM	**Executive Office**	TBD
	BREAK 3:30 - 3:45 PM	
3:45 PM	**Legislative and Information Services**	TBD
4:30 PM	**Delegations and Public Comment Period**	TBD
	ADJOURN ~ 5:30 PM	

Times are provided for information and may vary. See meeting agenda for full list of meeting agenda items.
Please visit the Islands Trust website at islandstrust.bc.ca

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WEDNESDAY

Time	DAY 2 - Session Highlights	Agenda Item
9:00 AM	**Closed Meeting** • Public are welcome to attend all sessions excluding the Closed Meeting.	TBD
	BREAK 10:00 - 10:15 AM	
10:15 AM	**Trust Area Services**	TBD
	LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00 PM	
1:00 PM	**Financial and Employee Services**	TBD
	BREAK 3:00 - 3:15 PM	
3:15 PM	**Financial and Employee Services (Continued)**	TBD
4:15 PM	**Planning Services**	TBD
	ADJOURN ~ 5:00 PM	

THURSDAY

Time	DAY 3 - Session Highlights	Agenda Item
9:00 AM	**Planning Services (Continued)**	TBD
	BREAK 10:30 - 10:45 AM	
10:45 AM	**Trustee Roundtable**	TBD
12:15 PM	**New Business, Disposition of Delegations, Meeting Wrap Up** • Islands Trust Council Follow Up Action List	TBD
	ADJOURN ~ 1:00 PM	

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