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September 9 - 11, 2026, Islands Trust Council Meeting Announced

Lək'wəŋən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – Islands Trust Council invites the public to participate in its next business meeting being held electronically September 9 - 11, 2026. There are multiple ways to attend or view the meeting, including online via computer or smartphone, by telephone, or by watching the livestream at the Islands Trust Victoria Office ([#200 – 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1H8](#)).

Islands Trust Council, which is comprised of the 24 local trustees and two municipal trustees meets quarterly to make decisions about matters that apply to the entire Islands Trust Area and Islands Trust operations. Islands Trust Council receives, discusses, and makes decisions about policies, finances, and proposed work for the coming quarter.

Featured Sessions

Impacts of Hyperabundant Deer Presentation – Dr. Tara Martin, Liber Ero Chair in Conservation, Department of Forest and Conservation Sciences at the University of British Columbia, will speak to research on the impacts of hyperabundant deer, and strategies for managing hyperabundant deer to restore vital habitat in the Gulf Islands.

Islands Trust Corporate Planning Process – Islands Trust Council will consider a new corporate planning process to guide the incoming Council in developing its corporate plan for the next Council term.

Islands Trust Council Committee Structure Changes – Islands Trust Council will consider options for changes to the Islands Trust Council committee structure, with any recommended changes forwarded to the new Islands Trust Council for consideration following the 2026 local government election.

Islands Trust Council Strategic Plan Key Initiative 3.2.4: Monitor Progress of Protection of Ecosystem Health in all Land Use Planning Decisions – Islands Trust Council will consider endorsing implementation of the deliverables completed by the Environment and Climate Change Canada-funded Biologist (Feb 2025–Mar 2026).

Delegations and Public Comment Period – Members of the public are invited to present as a delegate to Islands Trust Council or speak at the Public Comments portion of the meeting on matters affecting the Islands Trust Area. Anyone wishing to present as a delegate is required to submit [this form](#) along with a complete presentation by August 18, 2026. Visit <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/contact-us/share-your-views/> for more details.

The final meeting schedule and agenda package will be posted to the [meeting page](#) on the Islands Trust website by August 31, 2026.

Islands 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 Council.

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Islands Trust is a special-purpose government representing over 30,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust Area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the

homeland to many Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment through conservation-oriented land use planning and regulation, education, and cooperation with First Nations and other agencies. The Islands Trust 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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