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June 2018 Islands Trust Council Program Announced

VICTORIA – The Islands Trust Council invites members of the public to observe and participate in its next quarterly business meeting June 19-21 at the Saturna Recreation and Cultural Centre, 104 Harris Road, Saturna Island.

Members of the community are encouraged to attend a town hall session on Wednesday, June 20 starting at 2 p.m. Designed to promote dialogue between islanders and trustees, the session is an opportunity for the public to ask questions and make suggestions about the work of Trust Council. Trust Council welcomes input about how the Islands Trust can improve on delivery of its mandate.

Persons or organizations wishing to make a formal delegation to Trust Council must send their request in writing at least three (3) weeks before the meeting. The topic, speaker's name, and contact information must be sent to Lori Foster (email: lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca) by Wednesday, May 30. Guidelines for presentations to Council can be viewed at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil>.

The meeting starts Tuesday, June 19 at 1:30 p.m. and is expected to end by 12 p.m. on Thursday, June 21. The meeting agenda package will be posted to the Islands Trust website calendar by June 11.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

Trustee Roundtable – This session is an opportunity for trustees to exchange information about common island topics.

Regular Agenda Items – During these sessions, Trust Council considers and discusses topics related to its core business. Trust Council will review advocacy and policy positions on a variety of topics, consider progress on strategic priorities and review recommendations from the Local Planning, Trust Programs, and Financial Planning committees regarding proposed work programs for the next quarter.

Strategic Plan Session – Trust Council will review progress on the Strategic Plan 2014-2018, including identification of initiatives to recommend to the incoming Trust Council to be elected this fall. The session will also include a discussion regarding the optimal strategic planning process and format for the Islands Trust in the future.

Islands Trust Act Amendments Session – Over the last 12 months, Trust Council has made the development of a preliminary list of amendments to the *Islands Trust Act* a priority. The goals of this process are to ensure that the Act remains a modern and flexible legislative tool that supports the mandate of the Trust. This session will include receipt of a staff report recommending a prioritized list of amendments. The session will also include discussion of a process for public engagement, if Trust Council should proceed with this initiative.

Agricultural Land Commission/Islands Trust Session – The Islands Trust has requested that the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Agricultural Land Commission meet with Trust Council to receive and update on ALC programming and to generally exchange information. This session has been tentatively scheduled pending ALC confirmation.

Delegations and Town Hall – From 2 – 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, Trust Council will invite members of the public to present their federation-wide concerns to trustees, ask questions and, make suggestions about the work of Trust Council.

Closed Sessions – In closed sessions, trustees will review and consider litigation and personnel matters.

The Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies representing 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property-owners. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, co-operation 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 5200 square kilometres.

Preserving **island** communities, culture and environment

Bowen, Denman, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Hornby, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis

The 26-member Islands Trust Council makes decisions about overall policy and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect the islands. Trust Council does not make local land use decisions, which are the responsibility of the local trustees within their respective local trust areas.

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