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September 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 September 18-20 at the Keats Camp, Keats Island.

Members of the community are encouraged to attend a town hall session on Wednesday, September 19 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, August 29. Guidelines for presentations to Council can be viewed at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil>.

The meeting starts Tuesday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m. and is expected to end by 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 20. The meeting agenda package will be posted to the Islands Trust website calendar by September 10.

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.

Lessons Learned 2014-2018 – Trustees will discuss important successes and challenges of the last term with the intention of providing the 2018 to 2022 Trust Council insight into initiatives that are ongoing and opportunities for the upcoming term.

Implications of the *Water Sustainability Act* – Trust Council will receive a presentation on the implications and implementation of the *Water Sustainability Act* and how it affects the Trust Area and long range land use planning.

Delegations and Town Hall – From 2 – 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 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.

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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