



Islands Trust

**September 21, 2021**

**Islands Trust Council**

**Development of a tree cutting authority for implementation by Islands Trust**

**Background:** Trust Council has petitioned the Minister of Municipal Affairs to provide the Islands Trust the authority to regulate tree cutting throughout the Trust Area.

**Purpose:** To discuss and refine trustees understanding and intentions for the delivery of a tree cutting authority and service in support of the request to the Minister.

**Resources:** Senior staff

TIME	TOPIC	WHO
3:45 p.m.	Introduction to S 8 Community Charter tree cutting authority, examples of current municipal tree service parameters.	CAO Hotsenpiller
4:00 p.m. – 500 p.m.	<p><b>Process:</b> Break out groups: Trust Council will divide into 4 break out groups which will be facilitated by senior staff. Trustees will discuss a number of core questions and the session will be taped and notes taken to capture outcomes of the discussion. In order to provide public attendance, there will be a need to organize 4 separate ZOOM meetings for the session. Details will be provided to all Trustees.</p> <p><b>Questions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What are the activities that are causing concern with regard to habitat and biodiversity loss in your local trust area?</li> <li>b. Specifically, would you envision an authority that focuses upon:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Protected species of trees</li> <li>ii. Big trees</li> <li>iii. Area-based contiguous areas protection</li> <li>iv. Small lots, large lots</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. <b>Scope:</b> would a bylaw apply to your entire local trust area or selected areas?</li> <li>d. If your local trust area and the region implemented a regulatory authority for trees how would you <b>measure success</b>?</li> <li>e. What would be acceptable <b>exemptions</b> to a tree cutting bylaw?</li> <li>f. Given that a new regulatory process would need to be implemented are you in favor of <b>additional resources</b> including forestry expertise be added to the Islands Trust?</li> <li>g. What would be some benefits of such a regulatory power in connection with <b>wildfire risk</b>, resiliency, and healthy forests?</li> <li>h. How could this authority assist with culturally modified tree protection in your local trust area?</li> </ol>	DLPS Marlor DTAS Frater DAS Mobbs