

Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Regular Meeting Addendum

Date: November 24, 2015
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall)
North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC

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9. CORRESPONDENCE	10:10 AM - 10:20 AM
9.2 <i>Follow-up on Community to Community Funding via Union of British Columbia Municipalities</i>	
12. REPORTS	11:00 AM - 11:20 AM
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13. NEW BUSINESS	11:20 AM - 11:35 AM
13.5 <i>Request to Financial Planning Committee to Continue to Create Allocated Financial Statements - for Discussion</i>	

Trust Fund Board Report to Local Trust Committees and Bowen Island Municipality November 2015

Conservation Proposal for Settlement Lands –Denman Island

The Trust Fund Board has received a conservation proposal to covenant 63.25 hectares (157 acres) of land acquired by Denman Island Conservancy. The land was received as part of a legal settlement and is adjacent to the new Denman Island Provincial Park and TFB's Inner Island Nature Reserve. TFB approved the proposal subject to the development and approval of a management plan. The management plan will consider: recovery of forest on the logged portion of the land, activities to maintain butterfly habitat for rare species (Edith's Checkerspot and Dun Skipper), maintenance of two significant wetlands and an area of ALR land on the property.

Trail Proposal for the Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve –Denman Island

TFB agreed to consider including an existing trail on this forested nature reserve in the Denman Island Cross-Island Trail, which is currently being developed by the Comox Valley Regional District. It is proposed that the ferry-to-ferry trail would follow an old logging road across one corner of the reserve, an existing trail that appears suitable for increased use. The Board will make a final decision once discussions have addressed continued protection of the values of the reserve.

McFadden Creek Nature Sanctuary management plan – Salt Spring Island

TFB has approved the management plan for our newest nature sanctuary, acquired in November 2014. McFadden Creek is one of very few protected areas in the northern part of Salt Spring Island. TFB became involved with partners to secure a significant heron colony at McFadden Creek almost two decades ago. The protected area has significant natural features, including the presence of five provincially listed species at risk. The heronry has been abandoned, however habitat remains for herons and it is possible they may return.

Conservation and Working Landscapes

TFB's Regional Conservation Plan includes a commitment to research staff and resource requirements of conservation on lands that include working landscapes and cultural features. Former ITF Communications and Fundraising Specialist, Christine Rikley, is tackling this topic in conjunction with her Masters of Public Administration program at UVIC. She has provided an opportunity for TFB to make suggestions of how her research might inform what might be required for ITF to expand protection activities.

Coastal Douglas-fir Ecosystem Conservation

Following up on a decision at the September Trust Council meeting, all local trust committees have received a copy of the Conservation Strategy prepared by the *Coastal Douglas-fir and Association Ecosystems Conservation Partnership (CDFCP)*. Trust Council's newly adopted Strategic Plan includes a strategy to "use land use planning tools and decisions to protect Coastal Douglas-fir and associated ecosystems". Subject to interest among LTCs, the Plan notes that the Local Planning Committees could "develop a planning tool kit to illustrate how to protect Coastal Douglas-fir and associated ecosystems". CDFCP and ITF could also provide information that might help individual LTCs tackle protecting this nationally-significant ecosystem.

December Trust Council Meeting: Working with the Islands Trust Fund

The Board and staff are preparing for the upcoming opportunity for information sharing and discussion at the December Trust Council Meeting (Tuesday afternoon). We want to make sure this is as productive as possible for Council members. We would welcome advance notice of any particular topics you would like covered or questions you might have so that we are prepared to include them (please contact Chair Tony Law as soon as possible).