



## Islands Trust Council Highlights June 21-23, 2022

The following is a list of [agenda](#) and [addendum](#) highlights of Trust Council's activities and decisions from its June 21-23, 2022, quarterly meeting. These highlights are not the official minutes; Trust Council will adopt those at its September 20-22, 2022, meeting being held electronically in Victoria. [Visit the meeting site to view the recordings.](#)

### **Community Stewardship Awards Recipients Announced**

Trust Council issued this [news release](#) announcing the 2022 recipients including 5 individuals, one organization and a posthumous award.

### **Trust Council establishes new standing committee**

A new Governance Committee was formed by Trust Council with 7 elected members who will begin work in the coming months on a terms of reference, associated policy and next steps. This body will review and consider recommendations from the recent Governance Review report, 2022 and recommend changes to Trust Council for consideration.

### **Provincial review of Islands Trust**

Trust Council directed that the Islands Trust Chair write to the Lieutenant Governor in Council to request a review of Islands Trust's mandate, governance and structure. This action is in parallel to the recent governance review process initiated by Trust Council.

### **Next steps for Policy Statement Amendment Project**

Trust Council received engagement summary reports from the latest phases of engagement with First Nations, referral agencies, and the public. Council followed with format and content amendments to the draft new Policy Statement with further review by Trust Programs Committee coming to Trust Council's September meeting.

### **Elgrass and Kelp Mapping Projects Final Reports**

Received by Trust Council, the reports will be forwarded to local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality for consideration in land use planning decisions.

### **Advocacy for Legislation to Protect Biological Diversity and Ecosystem Health**

Trust Council will submit a resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities; a request to the Province for new legislation to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health.

### **Policy 5.9.1 Best Management Practices for Delivery of Local Planning Services to Local Trust Committees**

Amendments to the policy were approved adding a recommended process and format for updating official community plans, land use bylaws and resourcing local trust committee project work.

### **Delegation of Development Permits**

Adoption of a Trust Council policy delegating staff authority to issue development permits was approved and will be forwarded to local trust committees for consideration to adopt delegation bylaws.

### **Elections Agreements and Procedures Bylaw**

Administrative items for the upcoming elections, Islands Trust approved service contracts with its corresponding regional districts and amendments to its Election Procedures Bylaw.

### **2020/21 Draft Annual Report**

Trust Council approved the draft report which will be finalized for submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs including distribution to regional districts, MLAs and MPs within the Trust Area.