



Islands Trust

Trust Programs Committee Agenda

Date: Friday, May 13, 2022
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Electronic meeting, Public venue
Islands Trust
200-1627 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8R 1H8

Pages

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **AGENDA**
 - 2.1. **New Items and Re-Ordering of the Agenda**
 - 2.2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
4. **DELEGATIONS**

None
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None
6. **ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION**
 - 6.1. **Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings**
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For review and approval
 - 6.2. **Resolutions Without Meeting**

None
 - 6.3. **Follow up Action List** 7 - 9

For review
7. **BUSINESS - WORK PROGRAM ITEMS**

- 7.1. **Policy Statement Amendment Project - verbal update**
Priority #1
- 7.2. **Living in the Trust Area Mailing Program Project Charter - RFD** 10 - 13
Priority #3
- 8. **BUSINESS - OTHER**
 - 8.1. **2021-2022 Annual Report - Trust Programs Committee section - RFD** 14 - 16
 - 8.2. **Community Stewardship Awards - Briefing** 17 - 34
 - 8.3. **Scheduling of Summer 2022 In-Person Special Trust Programs Committee Meeting - RFD** 35 - 36
 - 8.4. **TPC Chair letter to the post-election TPC - verbal update**
- 9. **BUSINESS - NEW**
- 10. **WORK PROGRAM** 37 - 38
For review and referral to Trust Council before each quarterly TC meeting
- 11. **NEXT MEETING**
Friday, August 26, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 12. **CLOSED MEETING**
That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, s.90, (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity; and that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.
- 13. **RISE AND REPORT**
If required
- 14. **ADJOURNMENT**
*Approximate time is provided for the convenience of the public only and is subject to change without notice.



Trust Programs Committee Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: April 8, 2022
Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Deb Morrison, North Pender Island Local Trustee (Chair)
Timothy Peterson, Lasqueti Island Local Trustee (Vice Chair)
Paul Brent, Saturna Island Local Trustee
Scott Colbourne, Gabriola Island Local Trustee
David Critchley, Denman Island Local Trustee
Doug Fenton, Thetis Island Local Trustee
Michael Kaile, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee
Kees Langereis, Gabriola Island Local Trustee
Dan Rogers, Gambier Island Local Trustee (EC Representative)
Steve Wright, South Pender Island Local Trustee
Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair (Ex Officio)

Members Absent: Benjamin McConchie, North Pender Island Local Trustee
Grant Scott, Hornby Island Local Trustee

Staff Present: Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services
David Marlor, Director, Local Planning Services
Dilani Hippola, Senior Policy Advisor
Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

Others Present: One member of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair Morrison acknowledged that participants of the meeting were on the traditional and treaty territories of several Coast Salish First Nations. Members of the Committee and Staff were introduced.

2. AGENDA

2.1 New Items and Re-Ordering of the Agenda

No new items were considered

2.2 Approval of Agenda

By general consent the agenda was approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mary Beth Rondeau spoke to the Committee in regards to Phase 3 of the Islands 2050 public engagement process.

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 From Tony Law, dated February 28, 2022

Executive Committee provided a copy of the correspondence to Trust Programs Committee (TPC). Received for information.

5.2 From Mary Beth Rondeau, dated March 26, 2022

Received for information.

5.3 From Harlene Holm, dated March 31, 2022

Received for information.

Chair Morrison initiated a discussion about the date of the next TPC meeting in light of the Policy Statement Amendment Project (PSAP) process, specifically in regards to when the Phase 3 Engagement Summary Report might be available for review by the Committee.

Chair Luckham joined the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

TPC-2022-007

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee request that Executive Committee approve funding for a summer in-person meeting for the Trust Programs Committee to review feedback from the Trust Policy Statement Engagement work.

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION

6.1 Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting

6.1.1 Trust Programs Committee minutes of February 11, 2022

The Committee requested an amendment to the minutes by deletion of the note that Trustee Critchley experienced intermittent connection during the meeting and adding a note that "Some trustees experienced intermittent connectivity issues".

By general consent the minutes were approved as amended.

6.2 Resolutions Without Meeting

None

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Director Frater indicated that the Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project has absorbed most available staff time.

7. BUSINESS - WORK PROGRAM ITEMS

7.1 Secretariat Role to Forums Within the Trust Area – Priority #2

7.1.1 Secretariat Services to Coordination Groups in the Trust Area - RFD

Director Frater introduced the RFD that provides TPC with background information, and to review requests for secretariat support for coordination groups in the Islands Trust Area. It was noted that changes to the *Islands Trust Act* have resulted in Islands Trust being able to provide grants and that Trust Council has not provided any direction to generate policy in this regard at this point.

TPC-2022-008

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Secretariat Services funding amounts are those which are asked for with the exception of the Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership which would be \$3,000.

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS - NEW

None

9. WORK PROGRAM

8.1 Trust Programs Committee Work Program

Director Frater provided the current Work Program. Priorities are Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project, community stewardship awards program, and the stewardship education program.

10. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is on Friday, May 13, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Draft

Deb Morrison, Chair

Certified Correct:

Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

Minutes are not official until adopted at a subsequent meeting.

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Follow Up Action Report

Trust Programs Committee

29-Feb-2016

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
1 Implement Crown Land Protocol project charter V2, circulate past RFD to TPC members, keep charter on future agendas until project is complete, and consider inventory of current referrals if it helps demonstrate the need for updating the letter of understanding.	Clare Frater	Target: 15-Oct-2022	In Progress

05-Nov-2020

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
1 that Trust Programs Committee request staff to investigate options for a joint review with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure of road standards, incorporating the Climate Change Declaration and the Reconciliation Declaration, and report back to Trust Programs Committee.	Clare Frater David Marlor	Target: 15-Oct-2022	In Progress
2 that Trust Programs Committee request staff to work with Trustee Peterson to refine the Amending the Policy Statement Amendment Policy 1.2.1. RFD, and bring it back to Trust Programs Committee before the March, 2021 Trust Council meeting. ON HOLD pending staff capacity	Clare Frater Dilani Hippola		In Progress

05-Feb-2021

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
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Follow Up Action Report

Trust Programs Committee

05-Feb-2021

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
<p>1 Discuss with the province and report to Trust Council on a process to identify potential governance and/or operational change that could be adopted in order to improve the delivery and integration of all the types of services that are delivered to the Islands Trust Area.</p> <p>By general consent, at its Dec 16, 2020 meeting, Executive Committee put this item ON HOLD pending review by Trust Programs Committee.</p>	Clare Frater		In Progress

14-May-2021

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
<p>1 that Trust Programs Committee request staff to review current criteria, and to provide feedback or suggestions for criteria for future Secretariat Services applications.</p>	Clare Frater	Target: 15-Oct-2022	In Progress

11-Feb-2022

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
<p>1 that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council that the timeline for passage of the revised Policy Statement be guided by and reflective of the engagement process.</p>	Clare Frater	Target: 18-Feb-2022	Completed

Follow Up Action Report

Trust Programs Committee

11-Feb-2022

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
2 that Trust Programs Committee request staff to seek provincial staff feedback on required or desired content or structure for the Policy Statement.	Clare Frater Dilani Hippola	Target: 08-Apr-2022	Completed
3 that the Policy Statement Implementation Trust Policy be noted in public and Trust Council discussions regarding the Trust Policy Statement.	Clare Frater Dilani Hippola	Target: 08-Apr-2022	Completed
4 that Trust Programs Committee request staff to prepare budget options for direct mail to all property owners within the Trust Area.	Clare Frater	Target: 08-Apr-2022	Completed
5 that Trust Programs Committee forward the Work Program to Trust Council as presented.	Clare Frater	Target: 18-Feb-2022	Completed

08-Apr-2022

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
1 that Trust Programs Committee request that Executive Committee approve funding for a Summer in-person meeting for the Trust Programs Committee to review feedback from the Trust Policy Statement Engagement work.	Clare Frater	Target: 13-May-2022	Completed
2 that the Secretariat Services funding amounts are those which are asked for with the exception of the Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership which would be \$3,000.	Clare Frater	Target: 13-May-2022	Completed



REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Trust Programs Committee **For the Meeting of:** May 13, 2022
From: Trust Area Services **Date Prepared:** May 3, 2022
SUBJECT Living in the Trust Area Mailing Program Project Charter

RECOMMENDATION: That Trust Programs Committee endorse the Living in the Trust Area Mailing Program Project Charter, dated May 13, 2022.

TRUST AREA SERVICES DIRECTOR COMMENTS: The recommendation advances implementation of the Stewardship Education Program and is compatible with the draft Communications Strategy.

PURPOSE: To seek approval of the proposed project charter regarding the Living in the Trust Area Mailing Program.

BACKGROUND: The 2018-2022 Strategic Plan included a strategy “to develop and implement a Stewardship Education Program directed towards the public, industry and/or stakeholders in the Trust Area”.

On February 5, 2021, Trust Programs Committee (TPC) endorsed a project charter for a Living in the Trust Area mailing program. This project’s primary purpose was to guide the development of an introductory letter and informational materials to be mailed to new land purchasers in the Trust Area. Trust Council budgeted \$24,000 in 2021/22 for the Stewardship Education Program and Trust Programs Committee allocated \$21,000 of this towards the Living in the Trust Area Mailing program. A part-time temporary staff position, Community Communication Specialist, developed the materials and the procedural steps needed for the mailing program.

A series of new materials were produced and in March 2022, packages were sent to 1000 new homeowners. The materials created and/or updated encompassed:

1. Cover Letter (new)
2. Islands Trust brochure (new)
3. Islands Trust Conservancy rack card (update)
4. Land-use planning information and contact sheet (new)
5. Trust Area Stewardship tips guide (new)
6. Government and other services’ contact sheets for 12 LTAs (new)
7. Groundwater conservation brochure (update)
8. Magnet design: ‘You have to be more careful with an island’ (new)

The distribution of the mailing was as follows:

Trust Area/Municipality	Number of packages sent
Bowen Island Municipality	77
Denman Island Local Trust Area	51
Gabriola Island Local Trust Area	211
Galliano Island Local Trust Area	43
Gambier Island Local Trust Area	44
Hornby Island Local Trust Area	46
Lasqueti island Local Trust Area	11
Mayne Island Local Trust Area	88
North Pender Island Local Trust Area	130
Saturna Island Local Trust Area	22
South Pender Island Local Trust Area	18
Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area	236
Thetis Island Local Trust Area	23
Total	1000

GIS code was also developed for use in developing lists of property owners for future mailings.

A procedures document was also drafted to guide future mail-outs.

The budget actuals were \$15,000. This is \$6,000 less than the project budget (\$21,000). This is primarily due to BC Mail's actuals costs being significantly less than their original estimates, and because the dedicated Community Communication Specialist position allowed for assessment of existing publications in-house rather than via a contractor.

In March 2022, Trust Council budgeted \$13,000 for the Stewardship Education Program. In the attached project charter, staff propose mailing new property owners three times a year and also making publications available to renters via community organizations and locations (this was not done previously).

On February 2, 2022 Trust Programs Committee passed the following motion:

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to prepare budget options for direct mail to all property owners within the Trust Area.

Staff/BC Mail estimate that a mailing of the package as currently designed to all residential properties in the Islands Trust Area (excluding apartment buildings/condominiums, international owners, and properties that already received mailings in the previous year) would cost approximately \$80,000.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:

ORGANIZATIONAL: Updates of the letter and associated materials are expected to take three weeks of Communications Specialist's staff time. Coordination of graphic design and printing of materials is likely to take a few days of the Program Coordinator's and Communication Specialist's time. Development of the mailing list, based on current code, is expected to take less than a day of the GIS Technician's time. Researching organizations that could reach renters and arranging to get materials to them is expected to take a day or two. Generally, the mailing itself would not have an impact on staff time as the budget includes costs for BC mail to take on this service.

With a reduction this year in the stewardship education budget, the recommended project charter would mean that this would be the only education program funded by Trust Programs Committee this year. Any additional education activities, including webinars, would need to be requested by the Executive Committee and funded from the Communications or Reconciliation budgets.

FINANCIAL: Trust Council budgeted \$13,000 for the Stewardship Education Program. After approval of the project charter, there would be no funding remaining for other opportunities for programming.

POLICY: N/A

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATIONS: Staff will create an internal communications plan and implement the project per the project charter.

- June 2022: Update materials and print copies (printing once for the year to achieve savings)
- July 2022—February 2022: Send mailings three times per year on a regular interval: July, October and February

OTHER: None.

RELEVANT POLICY(S): [Communications Policy 6.10.2](#)

ATTACHMENT: Draft Living in the Trust Area Regular Mailing Project Charter, dated May 13, 2022

RESPONSE OPTIONS

Recommendation:

That Trust Programs Committee endorse the Living in the Trust Area Mailing Program Project Charter, dated May 13, 2022.

Alternatives:

1. Endorse the project charter with amendments
 2. Request that staff provide additional reporting at a future meeting
 3. Do not endorse the project charter
 4. Recommend that the Executive Committee consider funding a stewardship education activity
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Prepared By: Tara Todesco, Communications Specialist, May 4, 2022

Reviewed By/Date: Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services/ May 5, 2022

Purpose To guide the implementation of a regular (three times per year) mail out of introductory letter and informational materials new land purchasers in the Trust Area.

Background: In 2021/22 TPC developed a series of new materials were produced and in March 2022, packages were sent to 1000 new homeowners. The materials created and/or updated encompassed: Cover Letter (new); Islands Trust Brochure (new); Islands Trust Conservancy Rack Card (update); Land-use Planning Information and Contact sheet (new); Trust Area Stewardship Tips Guide (new); ‘Government and Other Services’ contact sheets for 12 local trust areas (new); Groundwater Conservation brochure (update; and Magnet design: ‘You have to be more careful with an island’. GIS code was also developed for use in developing regular lists for regular mailings. A procedures document was also drafted to guide future mail-outs.

Staff estimate that there would be approximately 1100 packages to mail in 2022. Budget estimates assume that no new publications are added to the packages and that any graphic design changes are paid by the Trust Area Services Communications budget.

Objectives

- To improve awareness of the Islands Trust/Conservancy and the history and values of the region
- To provide new purchasers with information about preserving and protecting in Trust Area.
- To promote awareness and compliance with bylaws

In Scope

- Updates and printing costs for publication materials
- Postage and packaging costs
- Distribution to organizations and community locations that could provide the packages to new renters

Out of Scope

- Mailing to landowners who purchased prior to February 2022
- Mailings to new purchasers in apartment buildings/building strata
- Development of new materials

Work plan Overview	
Deliverable/Milestone	Date
Update and printing of all materials	June 2022
Send mailings three times per year at regular intervals (July, October and February) .	July 2022 —Feb 2023

Project Team	
Director, Trust Area Services	Project Manager
Communications Specialist	Project Lead
Information Services Manager	GIS support for mailing list
Program Coordinator	Project Admin Support

Approved by:
Clare Frater
Date: May 5, 2022

Endorsement:
TPC resolution # :
Date:

Budget		
Budget Source: TPC Stewardship Education Program		
Fiscal	Item	Cost
2022/2023	Printing	\$9,000.00
2022/2023	Letterhead, envelopes, packaging and postage	\$3,500.00
2022/2023	Mailing costs of print materials to BC Mail	\$150
2022/2023	Mailing costs of print materials to organizations that reach renters	\$350
	Total	\$13,000



REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Trust Programs Committee **For the Meeting of:** May 13, 2022
From: Trust Area Services **Date Prepared:** May 5, 2022
SUBJECT: 2021/22 ANNUAL REPORT – Approval of Trust Programs Committee Section

RECOMMENDATION: That Trust Programs Committee approve the attached text for inclusion in the 2021/22 Annual Report for approval by Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

1 PURPOSE: Committees are provided with their draft sections of the Annual Report for review and approval, so that Trust Council is able to easily approve its Annual Report at the June Trust Council meeting without further editing from staff or trustees.

2 BACKGROUND: Preparation of the Islands Trust Annual Report is undertaken by Trust Area Services Communications staff, reporting to the Executive Committee and consistent with Trust Council's [Annual Report Policy 6.10.1](#). The Executive Committee approved the format and outline of the 2021/22 Annual Report at its meeting on February 23, 2022.

3 IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

ORGANIZATIONAL: Under Trust Council's policy, all local trust committees and council committees are expected to review and approve their sections at regular meetings in order to have the report approved by Trust Council at its June 21-23 meeting.

FINANCIAL: None.

POLICY: No implications for existing policy

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATIONS: The process for development of the Annual Report is outlined in Trust Council's [Annual Report Policy 6.10.1](#). Once each committee has approved its section, staff will create a draft Annual Report for review by the Executive Committee on June 8 and consideration of Trust Council at its June 21-23 meeting. Upon approval by Trust Council, staff will send the Annual Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and circulate it as indicated in Trust Council's policy.

FIRST NATIONS: Information about activities with First Nations may be included within committee reports.

OTHER: None.

4 RELEVANT POLICY: Trust Council's Annual Report Policy 6.10.1; *Islands Trust Act*

5 ATTACHMENT: Trust Programs Committee input to Annual Report (draft)

RESPONSE OPTIONS

Recommendation: That Trust Programs Committee approve the attached text for inclusion in the 2021/22 Annual Report, for approval by Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Alternative: That Trust Programs Committee approve the attached text (as amended) for inclusion in the 2021/22 Annual Report, for approval by Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Prepared By: Dilani Hippola, Senior Policy Advisor, Trust Area Services

Reviewed By/Date: Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services, May 5, 2022

ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION: Trust Programs Committee (TPC)

Trust Programs Committee

Role

Trust Programs Committee's role is to provide policy advice to Islands Trust Council on Trust-wide issues related to the committee's areas of responsibility (e.g. water, marine, sustainable communities, public awareness, and education) and to propose amendments to the Islands Trust Policy Statement.

Members

Members serving for the 2018–2022 term:

Deb Morrison, North Pender Island, Chair
Scott Colbourne, Gabriola Island (resigned as Vice-Chair December 4, 2020)
Alex Allen, Hornby Island (resigned October 10, 2019)
Paul Brent, Saturna Island (joined October 23, 2019)
David Critchley, Denman Island
Doug Fenton, Thetis Island
Michael Kaile, Bowen Island (joined October 15, 2019)
Kees Langereis, Gabriola Island (joined October 15, 2019)
Peter Luckham, Thetis Island, (Ex Officio Member)
Ben McConchie, North Pender Island
Tim Peterson, Lasqueti Island (joined October 15, 2019; elected Vice-Chair February 5, 2021)
Dan Rogers, Gambier Island (Executive Committee Representative)
Grant Scott, Hornby Island (joined May 6, 2019; resigned August 13, 2019; rejoined December 10, 2021)
Steve Wright, South Pender Island (joined December 10, 2021)

2021/22 Highlights

Trust Programs Committee (TPC) met seven times in 2021/22. The Committee's primary focus this year was to develop recommendations for amendments to the Islands Trust Policy Statement for Trust Council's consideration, and to provide advice on planning and implementation of a third phase of Islands 2050 public engagement. In May and June 2021, the Committee devoted three consecutive meetings to reviewing and revising the draft new Policy Statement before presenting it to Trust Council in July 2021. Please see the Policy Statement Amendment Project section of this report for more project information.

As part of its Secretariat Services Program, the committee approved up to 70 hours of Islands Trust staff time to the Rural Islands Economic Partnership and contracted secretariat services to the following coordination groups:

- Southern Gulf Islands Forum (\$3,000)
- Baynes Sound / Lambert Channel Ecosystem Forum (\$2,500)
- Howe Sound Atl'ka7tsem Community Forum (\$3,500)
- Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership (\$3,000)

For this year's Stewardship Education Program, the committee supported development of a "Living in the Trust Area" package which was mailed to 1000 new property owners across the Trust Area in March 2022. The package included newly designed Islands Trust brochures, stewardship tips booklets, groundwater conservation brochures, as well as localized government service contact lists (see electronic versions at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/stewardship-education/>).

The committee also successfully recommended to Trust Council that the Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program be reinstated as of January 2022, and that Trust Council's policy for this program be changed to deliver the program once per Trust Council term, in the final year of the term.



BRIEFING

To: Trust Programs Committee **For the Meeting of:** May 13, 2022
From: Tara Todesco,
A/Communications Specialist **Date Prepared:** May 4, 2022
SUBJECT: Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards 2022

PURPOSE: To provide Trust Programs Committee with background on the Community Stewardship Awards program and information on the 2022 nominations.

BACKGROUND:

This is the seventeenth Community Stewardship Awards Program. It provides an opportunity for Islands Trust to engage island communities in promoting stewardship that advances the Object of Islands Trust. Islands Trust has requested nominations from the public and other agencies through a news release, the Islands Trust website, posts to Facebook and Twitter, notices to subscribers, and posters which were given to trustees to distribute at the in-person Trust Council meeting in March. The deadline for award nominations was April 18th, 2022. Islands Trust Chair Luckham has sent all nominees a congratulatory letter and Islands Trust has announced the names of all nominees in a news release.

Trust Council Policy 2.1.xi asks the Trust Programs Committee to evaluate and recommend award recipients to Trust Council for up to two awards in each of the individual and organizational categories, and for up to two additional awards in those or other categories while considering:

- a) the confidential comments provided by local trustees; and
- b) the following criteria:
 - relationship of project or work to the Islands Trust Policy Statement,
 - benefits to the community or Trust Area;
 - collaboration with others;
 - innovation;
 - community support;
 - time and effort; and
 - ongoing public service.

The 'other' category may include, but is not limited to, awards for enduring achievement, climate change (adaptation and/or mitigation), youth, or posthumous recognition.

Staff has provided a scoring form for committee members to assess the nominees according to those criteria. The form includes the evaluation criteria added by Trust Council in December 2016.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Overview of Program and Awards to-date
2. List of 2022 Nominations
3. 2022 Nomination Summaries
4. Blank Evaluation Form
5. Nominations Package (7 nominations – in camera)
6. Trustee Comments on Nominations (in camera)
7. [Administration of Community Stewardship Award Program Policy](#) (hyperlink only)

FOLLOW-UP:

- In June, Trust Council will consider the nominations and determine the recipients of the Community Stewardship Awards. Staff will then phone each nominee and Islands Trust will then announce the names of award recipients in a news release.
 - Trustees may present the awards at a local trust committee meeting or a Bowen Island Municipality meeting in late summer/fall of 2022, or at a Trust Council meeting where appropriate.
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Prepared By: Tara Todesco, A/Communications Specialist

Reviewed By/Date: Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services/May 5, 2022

Community Stewardship Award Program Overview 2002-2022

Number of Nominations - Since 2002, there have been 214 nominations with an average of 13 nominations per year. In 2017, Islands Trust received the highest number of nominations (19). The lowest number of nominations (6) occurred in 2010. There were 7 nominations in 2022.

Number of Recipients – Since 2002, there have been 82 Community Stewardship Awards recipients. There has been a range in the number of awards given each year, ranging from three awards in 2002 to eight awards in 2017.

Nominations per Island	214		Recipients per Island	93
North and South Pender Islands	45		Salt Spring Island	17
Salt Spring Island	40		North and South Pender Islands	16
Hornby Island	20		Saturna Island	8
Gabriola Island and Mudge Island	21		Gabriola Island	7
Denman Island	15		Denman Island	6
Saturna Island	15		Hornby Island	6
Mayne Island	13		Mayne Island	6
Galiano Island	12		Bowen Island	4
Lasqueti Island	12		Galiano Island	4
Bowen Island + Bowyer/Passage	11		Lasqueti Island	4
Thetis Island	5		Gambier Island	2
Gambier Island	3		Thetis Island	2
Trust-wide	2		Trust-wide	1

2002- 2022 LIST OF NOMINEES/ISLANDS

Bullet and bold font indicates award recipients

Year	Individual Nominated and Island	Group Nominated and Island	Island Nominees
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Erickson, Galiano Island • Jeanine Georgeson, Galiano Island • Will Husby, Bowen Island • Kees Ruurs, Salt Spring Island • Chris Straw (Posthumous), Gabriola Island • Ruth Waldick, Salt Spring Island 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salt Spring Island Natural Cemetery, Salt Spring Island 	Bowen (1) Gabriola (1) Galiano (2) Salt Spring (3) Total: 7
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snuneymuxw Elder Geraldine Manson (C'tasi:a), Gabriola • Mark Bottomley, Lasqueti • Sara Steil, North Pender Island (posthumous) Andrew Fall, Lasqueti Andrew Simon, Galiano Bruce Russell, Bowen Christine Torgrimson, Salt Spring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturna Recycle and Free Store • Thetis Island Nature Conservancy Society Aloha Aina Farms, Salt Spring Saturna Lions Club Saturna Scribbler 	Bowen (1) Gabriola (1) Galiano (1) Lasqueti (2) North Pender (1) Salt Spring (2) Saturna (3) Thetis (1)

Year	Individual Nominated and Island	Group Nominated and Island	Island Nominees
			Total = 11
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Turner, Bowen Island • Bob Weeden, Salt Spring Island • Everhard van Lidth de Juede, Bowen • Liz Ciocea, Gabriola Brenda Guiled, Salt Spring Jacinthe Eastick, Gabriola John Peirce, Gabriola Karen Ethridge, Hornby and Denman Laura Matthias, Salt Spring Michelle Catherine Nelson, Bowen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denman Island Memorial Society • Gabriola Arts Council (two nominations) • Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society • Saturna Community Club Lasqueti Island Emergency Dispatch Advisory Committee Mayne Island Assisted Living Society Mudge Island Citizens Society Salt Spring Seniors Services Society 	Bowen (3) Denman (1) Denman and Hornby (2) Gabriola (4) Lasqueti (1) Mayne (1) Mudge (1) Salt Spring (4) Saturna (1) Total = 18
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leigh Ann Milman, Gabriola • Susan Yates, Gabriola • Michael Dunn, Mayne Marguerite Lee, Salt Spring Richard Bauer, Lasqueti Jan Kirkby, North Pender Andrew Fall, Lasqueti Grant Scott, Hornby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Island Futures Society, Gabriola Island • Mayne Island Agricultural Society • Saturna Island Marine Research and Education Society • Protect Grace Islet Group, Salt Spring Island Denman Opposes Coal Gabriola Land and Trails Trust Gabriola Rescue of Wildlife Society Keats Island Fire Equipment Group, Gambier LTA Watercliff Farm, Gabriola 	Denman (1) Gabriola (6) Gambier (1) Hornby (1) Lasqueti (2) Mayne (2) Penders (1) Salt Spring (2) Saturna (1) Total = 17
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Denning, Salt Spring • Brian Hollingshead, Saturna • Barrie Morrison and Nancy Waxler-Morrison (posthumous), North Pender • Paul and Monica Petrie, Pender Islands • Christa Grace-Warrick, Pender Islands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Denman Island Marine Stewards • Galiano Conservancy Association 	Denman (1) Galiano (1) Penders (3) Salt Spring (1) Saturna (1) Total = 7
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Blagborne, Saturna • Chris and Judith Plant, Gabriola • Jan Slakov, Salt Spring • Ana Miriam Leigh (posthumous), Denman Dr. Peter Carter and Julie Johnston, North Pender Mike Hoebel, Galiano 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lasqueti Island Forage Fish Team • Mayne Island Conservancy • Salt Spring Island Water Council Bowen Island Golf Association Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society 	Bowen (1) Denman (2) Gabriola (1) Galiano (1) Lasqueti (1) Mayne (1) Penders (2) Salt Spring (4) Saturna (1)

Year	Individual Nominated and Island	Group Nominated and Island	Island Nominees
	Patrick Smith, South Pender Jill Treewater, Salt Spring		Total = 14
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Watson, Gambier • Margot Venton, North Pender • Anne Macey, Salt Spring • Dr. Donald Marshall, Bowen • Peter Karsten, Denman Michael Dunn, Mayne Patricia Forbes, Lasqueti Lindsay Hamson, South/North Pender Islands Shirley LePers, South/North Pender Islands Ken Millard, Galiano Monica and Paul Petrie, South/North Pender Islands Dr. John Sprague, Salt Spring Bob Watson, Salt Spring John Wiznuk, Saturna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriola Island Health Care Foundation, Society and Auxiliary • Hornby Quilters Group • Saturna Island Ecological Education Centre Denman Island Residents Association's Parks Committee 	Bowen (1) Denman (2) Gabriola (1) Galiano (1) Gambier (1) Hornby (1) Lasqueti (1) Mayne (1) Penders (4) Salt Spring (3) Saturna (2) Total = 18
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen • Barry Mathias, Pender Islands • Sara Steil, Pender Islands • Jane Wolverton, Galiano Henning Nielsen, Denman Gisele Rudischer, Gabriola Nadia Krebs, Galiano Wayne Hewitt, Salt Spring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hornby New Clinic Committee • Pender Island Fire Rescue Department 	Bowen (1) Denman (1) Gabriola (1) Galiano (2) Hornby (1) Penders (3) Salt Spring (1) Total = 10
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tekla Deverell, North Pender • Patti Willis, Denman • Jon Guy, Saturna • Sylvia Pincott, North Pender • Dorothy Cutting, Salt Spring Pat Ropars, Saturna 	None	Denman (1) Pender (2) Salt Spring (1) Saturna (2) Total = 6
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelsey Mech, Salt Spring • Patricia McLaughlin, Denman • Jacqueline Booth, Salt Spring (Posthumous nomination) Andrew Carmichael, Hornby Linda and Peter George, Gabriola Janice Oakley and Martine Paulin, Galiano 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hornby Island Residents and Ratepayers' Association • Salt Spring Island Conservancy Lasqueti Internet Access Society Mayne Island Early Childhood Society Mayne Island Agricultural Society and Fall Fair Pender Islands Community Service Society Pender Organic Community Garden Society 	Denman (1) Galiano (2) Hornby (2) Mayne (2) Lasqueti (1) Pender (2) Salt Spring (3) Total = 13
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Cooper, Mayne • Maureen Moore, Salt Spring • Geri Crooks, Saturna • Alasdair and Nancy Gordon, Lasqueti 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy • Lyall Creek Salmon and Trout Enhancement Project, Saturna Island Saturna Scribbler Volunteers 	Denman (2) Galiano (1) Lasqueti (2)

Year	Individual Nominated and Island	Group Nominated and Island	Island Nominees
	Peter Askin, Mayne John Arthur Money, Saturna Patricia McLaughlin, Denman Lon Wood, Thetis Grant Gordon, Thetis Patti Willis, Denman Bowie Keefer, Galiano Tekla Deverell, Pender	Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia Pender Islands Animal Welfare Society	Mayne (2) Pender (2) Saturna (4) Salt Spring (1) Thetis (2) All islands (1) Total = 17
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ursula Poepel - Pender Islands • Karl Hamson - Pender Islands • Jennifer Brown MacLeod - Gabriola Derek Hopzapfel - Pender Islands Sara Steil – Pender Islands David Rae – Pender Islands Beverley Vreeswijk - Thetis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pender Post - Pender Islands • Gambier Island Conservancy • SSI Alternative Gypsy Moth Control Program Pender Islands Conservancy Association	Pender (7) Salt Spring (2) Gambier(1) Gabriola (1) Thetis (1) Total = 12
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Burgess, Thetis • Anne Johnson, Mayne David Manning, Pender Glenna Borsuk, Gabriola Jan Kirby, Pender Michelle Marsden, Pender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Marsden and the B.C. Coastal Clean Up Campaign, Pender Islands • Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Mount Erskine Campaign 	Pender (4) Salt Spring (1) Thetis (1) Mayne (1) Gabriola (1) Total = 8
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilary Brown, Hornby • Katherine Dunster, Bowen Nicholas/Naomi Wilde, North Pender (honourable mention) Christa Grace-Warrick, North Pender Darlene Gage, Hornby Dave and Florence Davidson, North Pender Leigh-Ann Millman, Gabriola Maureen Moore, Salt Spring Newell Smith, North Pender Robert Weeden , Salt Spring Sylvia Pincott, North Pender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hornby Water Stewardship Project • Mayne Island Japanese Gardens Denman Conservancy Association (honourable mention) Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation	North Pender (5) Hornby(4) Salt Spring (2) Bowen (1) Gabriola (1) Denman (1) Mayne (1) Total = 15
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenneth Millard, Galiano • Tom Gossett, Salt Spring Susan Crowe, Hornby Andrew Carmichael/Dale Chase, Hornby Darlene Gage, Hornby Don Herbert, Mayne David Work, Hornby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society, Salt Spring Island • Salt Spring Island Residents for Responsible Land Use 	Hornby (4) Salt Spring (3) Galiano (1) Mayne (1) Total = 9
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Balke, Denman • Tony Quin, Hornby Margaret Taylor, Gabriola Giles Bassett, Hornby Chris Ferris, Lasqueti Pat Forbes, Lasqueti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowen Forest & Water Management Society • Islands in the Salish Seas Mapping Project - All Islands Conservancy Hornby Island Hornby Residents & Ratepayers Assn	Hornby (4) Penders (3) Lasqueti (2) Salt Spring (2) Bowen (1) Denman (1)

Year	Individual Nominated and Island	Group Nominated and Island	Island Nominees
	Donald Twohey, Passage Kathy Reimer, Salt Spring	Mayne Agricultural Society and Fall Fair The Pender Islands Museum Society The Pender Islands Parks Commission Whalewych Farm, Pender Island Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation	Gabriola (1) Mayne (1) Passage (1) All Islands (1) Total = 17
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maureen Milburn, Salt Spring Tony Quin, Hornby David Spalding, South Pender Bev Bullen, Hornby Earl Hastings, Pender Islands Helen Allison, North Pender Island The Late Allan Brooks, South Pender David and Mary Dennis, North Pender 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community of Trincomali – North Pender Island • Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre - Salt Spring Island Pender Islands Recycling Society Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation Salt Spring Women – Preserve /Protect Salt Spring Women – Fund raising 	Penders (7) Salt Spring (5) Hornby (2) Total = 14

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARDS 2022
SUMMARY OF NOMINEES AND PROJECTS

- Islanders nominated a total of six eligible individuals and one eligible organization for the 2022 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program.

Individuals

Nominee	Local Trust Area	Title of Project/ Description of Work	Nominator(s)	Previously Nominated?
1. Keith Erickson	Galiano Island	Twenty Years of Ecosystem- Based Land Stewardship	Eric Higgs	No
2. Jeanine Georgeson	Galiano Island	Leadership in Collaborative Stewardship	Andrew Simon, Jessica Hallenbeck, Keith Erickson	No
3. Will Husby	Bowen Island	Thirty Years of Environmental Stewardship	Bob Turner, on behalf of Galiano Island Conservancy	No
4. Kees Ruurs	Salt Spring Island	Fourteen Years of Community Service	Brian Lawson	No
5. Chris Straw (Posthumous)	Gabriola Island	Advocacy Against Freighter Anchorages in the Salish Sea	Debbie Cook, Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages	No
6. Ruth Waldick	Salt Spring Island	Building Lake Maxwell's Watershed Resiliency and Forest Fire Resilience	Bryan Young, Transition Salt Spring	No

Organizations

Nominee	Local Trust Area	Title of Project/ Description of Work	Nominator(s)	Previously Nominated?
1. Salt Spring Island Natural Cemetery	Salt Spring Island	Creation of a Sustainable Cemetery that Protects Forested Lands	P. Satya Jehman (Vedic Priestess Temple)	No

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2022 Nominee Profile

**Keith Erickson
Galiano Island Local Trust Area**

Category:	Individual
Project:	Twenty Years of Ecosystem–Based Land Stewardship
Nominator(s):	Eric Higgs

Project Description: For over two decades, Keith Erickson has brought innovation and leadership to land stewardship on Galiano Island. In his role as a field biologist and then Executive Director of the Galiano Conservancy, Keith contributed to the restoration and protection of hundreds of hectares of ecosystems on Galiano Island. Protected areas include Laughlin Lake, the Great Beaver Swamp, Finlay Lake, Vanilla Leaf Land, and Cable Bay. Keith also played a pivotal role in the purchase of the 78 hectare waterfront property that is now the Millard Learning Centre. This centre has since become a learning hub for Galiano Island and the region, attracting thousands to its learning programs. As a board member (1999-2008) of the Galiano Island Forest Association, he co-developed “made for Galiano” forest practice guidelines to encourage ecologically responsible timber management.

Keith has mobilized hundreds of people in support of shared conservation goals. He helped develop partnership programs with the Penelakut First Nation, including for the Nuts’a’maat Forage Forest at the Millard Learning Centre. Penelakut elders and youth helped design the project and have contributed extensive traditional knowledge and documentation of plants with critical cultural value. Keith has also contributed significant additional community service, such as serving as an appointed member of the Galiano Island Advisory Planning Commission (2004-2012), appointed Chair of the Ecosystem Protection Committee for the Official Community Plan review (2009-10), and Chair of the Galiano Activity Centre Board (2012-2019)¹

¹ Information based on nominee’s submission to 2022 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award Program.

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Islands Trust

2022 Nominee Profile

Jeanine Georgeson
Galiano Island Local Trust Area

Category:	Individual
Project:	Leadership in Collaborative Stewardship
Nominator(s):	Andrew Simon, Jessica Hallenbeck, Keith Erickson

Project Description: Jeannine Georgeson is nominated for leadership in fostering collaborative stewardship. Jeanine has brought together diverse communities and people for the protection of the Salish Sea, the reconnection of histories, and the conservation of cultural practices.

As an example of her work, in August 2020, Jeanine began working with the Spirit of the Sxwo'le (SOS) Coalition to develop participatory mapping practices that weave together biodiversity, ecosystem mapping, and Indigenous perspectives to deepen ecological literacy and cultural relationships with place. Jeannine fostered connections between organizations as diverse as Indigenous-led NGO Whiteswan Environmental, Northwest Indian College, the Galiano Conservancy Association, Vashon Nature Centre, the Inclusive Design Research Centre, and the Institute for Multidisciplinary Ecological Research in the Salish Sea.

Jeannine has also played a coordinating role for *The Water We Call Home*, an exhibition that will open at the Yellowhouse Art Centre on Galiano Island in July 2022. This includes helping organize three large gatherings and contributing to furthering the education of Island residents in relation to environmental justice and Indigenous sovereignty.

Jeannine's approach to stewardship and cultural revitalization fosters reconciliation and strengthens multi-generational connections with places of cultural and ecological significance. Her extensive volunteer hours have led to increased capacity for multiple Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations and initiated long-term partnerships. Such strengthening of connections has led to a more inclusive culture of conservation.¹

¹ Information based on nominee's submission to 2022 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award Program.

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2022 Nominee Profile

**Will Husby
Bowen Island Municipality**

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** Thirty years of Environmental Leadership
- Nominator(s):** Bowen Island Conservancy

Project Description: Will Husby is nominated for 30 years of environmental leadership on Bowen Island. He has served as a keystone contributor to a long list of community organizations and successful community-based projects. This includes his role as an active board member on the Bowen Island Nature Club (1992-Present), Bowen Eco-Alliance (1993-Present), Bowen CAN (Community And Nature) (2019-present), Bowen LIFT (Linking Islanders through Friendly Transportation) (2019-present), Island Pacific School (1997-2009), Technical Advisory Group, Bowen Island Conservancy (2020-present), and Bowen Island Municipality’s Environment and Climate Action Advisory Committee (2018-present). Will is also a member of the Bowen Island Marine Stewardship Partners working group.

As a professional heritage interpreter, biologist, nature photographer, illustrator and graphic designer, Will brings a range of skills to each organization and project. Will has freely shared his knowledge, enthusiasm, and curiosity for the natural world with islanders of all ages. Will has led over 150 Bowen Nature Club discovery walks (1992-present). In addition, Will is co-author, photographer, and graphic artist for *Exploring Bowen’s Marine World: A Marine Atlas* and for *Discovering Kwilákm*, a web-based natural history guide to Kwilákm/Deep Bay, Bowen’s most visited marine area. He is also author of *Discovering Life on Bowen Island Beaches, Self-Guided Activities* (2021) and has served as a designer of entrance kiosk and interpretive signs/maps, including at Fairy Fen Nature Reserve and Quarry and Headwater parks. Through his over 30 years of work as an educator, scientist and mentor, Will has infused a culture of environmental stewardship across Bowen Island. ¹

¹ Information based on nominee’s submission to 2022 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award Program.

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2022 Nominee Profile

**Kees Ruurs
Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area**

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** Fourteen years of community service
- Nominator(s):** Brian Lawson

Project Description: Kees Ruurs is being nominated for 14 years of community service, including efforts as a volunteer warden, board member, and chair of not-for-profit organizations on Salt Spring Island (SSI).

Through extensive volunteer work with numerous organizations, Kees demonstrates a strong commitment to preserving and protecting Salt Spring Island’s natural environment. As a former Parks and Recreation Manager (2008- 2012) he helped expand and promote protected public trail networks. As board member with the SSI Conservancy for five years, he helped direct the organization in protecting biodiversity through restrictive covenants and the acquisition and management of nature reserves. Kees’ current role with the Conservancy is volunteer warden of the Howard Horel Nature Reserve. Through this role, he has removed invasive species, installed trail signage, and planned and developed an extensive trail network, making the reserve accessible to the general public.

During his nine years on the Board of the Salt Spring Island Foundation (including three as chair) he led the organization through several key community initiatives, including water preservation projects, new pathways, a solar panel development and new school gardens. As current board member and vice chair of the Trail and Nature Club, he establishes and maintains hiking trails. Throughout his extensive involvement with community-based environmental organizations, he has dedicated countless hours over consecutive years. Kees has encouraged many other people to volunteer and he has facilitated collaboration among organizations for the good of the community.¹

¹ Information based on nominee’s submission to 2022 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award Program.

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2022 Nominee Profile

**Chris Straw
Gabriola Island Local Trust Area
(Posthumous)**

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** Advocacy Against Freighter Anchorages in the Salish Sea
- Nominator(s):** Debbie Cook

Project Description: Chris Straw is nominated posthumously for his impactful leadership in advocating against freighter anchorages in the Southern Gulf Islands.

From 2016, until his passing in 2021, Chris was passionate about helping community members advocate to resist the establishment of new anchorages and to address the use of existing anchorages within the Southern Gulf Islands. He greatly expanded the reach and influence of Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages (GAFA). He led this work through extensive and strategic outreach. This included leading the development of new digital communications strategies for GAFA, community-based presentations, collaboration with environmental not-for-profit partners, and advancing a media strategy to raise public awareness. Chris engaged with politicians at every political level—local trustees, First Nations leaders, regional, provincial, and federal governments—to promote GAFA's position that freighter anchorages do not belong in the Southern Gulf Islands. Chris was a strong advocate for meaningful government consultation with First Nations about anchorages.

Chris laid the foundation for public understanding of the negative consequences of using the Southern Gulf Island coastlines as parking lots for freighters. He understood that islanders needed to speak with a common voice, and was instrumental in forming the South Coast Ship Watch Alliance. Chris was diligent in keeping public attention on the freighter anchorage issue, and he did so with humour and a steadfast belief that future generations are entitled to thrive in a protected environment. By the time of his passing, thousands of people had become aware of the freighter anchorages issue and the need to take action.¹

¹ Information based on nominee's submission to 2022 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award Program.

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2022 Nominee Profile

Ruth Waldick Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area

Category: Individual

Project: Building Lake Maxwell's Watershed Resiliency and Forest Fire Resistance

Nominator(s): Bryan Young, Chair, Transition Salt Spring

Project Description: Dr. Ruth Waldick is a champion for and key organizer of a collaborative climate action project to build Lake Maxwell's watershed's resiliency and forest fire resistance by protecting forest health. Ruth has brought together diverse organizations to develop and initiate this flagship climate adaptation project to protect and restore Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystems on Salt Spring. With her leadership, the joint project has attracted world-class researchers and scientists, many of whom are donating their time, and has received federal government funding, as well as a donation from a private donor.

Guided by Dr. Waldick, project field work began in December 2021 with fieldwork teams developing techniques and templates that will be applied to other areas on Salt Spring Island in 2022-2023. Ruth has also developed a larger knowledge-transfer strategy that will share the results of the selected ecosystem interventions with target audiences that include professionals from conservation groups, local government, First Nations, and large private and public landowners/managers from across the region.

This project supports implementation of the 2021 Transition Salt Spring Climate Action Plan 2.0. Ruth was a key volunteer for the development of the Climate Action Plan 2.0, and also served as lead author of the plan's forests chapter, which lays out a science-based action plan for building climate resilience in forest ecosystems. The project to build Lake Maxwell's watershed resiliency and forest fire resistance will provide a technical roadmap for island communities on how to effectively protect and restore forests across the Coastal Douglas-fir zone, and protect against the impacts of climate change.¹

¹ Information based on nominee's submission to 2022 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award Program.

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2022 Nominee Profile

**Salt Spring Island Natural Cemetery
Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area**

- Category:** Organization
- Project:** Creation of a Sustainable Cemetery that Protects Forested Lands
- Nominator(s):** P. Satya Jehman, Vedic Priestess Temple

Project Description: Salt Spring Island Natural Cemetery (SSINC) is a certified conservation green burial cemetery located in Burgoyne Valley, providing a sustainable burial option on protected forested lands. This is the first Certified Conservation Green Burial Cemetery open to the public in Canada. Since the cemetery’s opening in 2020, there have been 18 interments. Salt Spring Island Natural Cemetery contributes to the Stqeeey’ Learning Society to further the goal of strengthening cultural relationships to the land and water at Xwaaq’um Village.

In the Salt Spring Island Natural Cemetery, no chemicals are used in the bodies, caskets, urns, or landscaping. Only biodegradable materials are put into and on top of the ground. Engraved fieldstones are used as headstones. Native plants are used in the natural restoration of burial areas, to support local biodiversity. In a natural burial cemetery all graves look alike, and all return to the natural forest. Conservation and protection of the natural wild habitat is central to the cemetery.

The 5.5 hectares of cemetery grounds are protected in perpetuity through a provincial Certificate of Public Interest on the property title, and the cemetery is licensed as a provincial Place of Interment. There is also a perpetual Care Fund that holds 25% of all moneys paid for plots, to support the future management of the cemetery and care of the land.¹

Information based on nominee’s submission to 2022 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award Program.

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARDS – EVALUATION FORM 2022

Individuals	Relationship to Policy Statement (1-5)	Benefits to the Community or Trust Area (1-5)	Collabo-ration with others (1-5)	Innovation (1-5)	Level of community support and involvement (1-5)	Time and effort (1-5)	Ongoing public service (1-5)	TOTAL SCORE (out of 35)
1. Keith Erickson								
2. Jeanine Georgeson								
3. Will Husby								
4. Kees Ruurs								
5. Chris Straw (Posthumous)								
6. Ruth Waldick								

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARDS – EVALUATION FORM 2022

ORGANIZATION EVALUATIONS:

Organizations	Relationship to Policy Statement (1-5)	Benefits to the Community or Trust Area (1-5)	Collaboration with others (1-5)	Innovation (1-5)	Level of community support and involvement (1-5)	Time and effort (1-5)	Ongoing public service (1-5)	TOTAL SCORE
1. Salt Spring Island Natural Cemetery								



REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Trust Programs Committee **For the Meeting of:** May 13, 2022
From: Trust Area Services **Date Prepared:** May 5, 2022
SUBJECT: Scheduling of Summer 2022 In-Person Special Trust Programs Committee Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: That Trust Programs Committee schedule a special in-person meeting on July XX to review Islands 2050 engagement feedback from the public, First Nations, and referral agencies, and to develop recommendations for Trust Council on next steps for the Policy Statement Amendment Project.

1 **PURPOSE:** To follow up on Trust Programs Committee’s April 8 request to schedule an in-person special meeting in summer 2022 to review Islands 2050 engagement feedback and develop recommendations for Trust Council on next steps.

2 **BACKGROUND:**

At its April 8, 2022 meeting, Trust Programs Committee (TPC) members discussed the importance of TPC playing a role in developing recommendations for Trust Council on next steps for the Policy Statement Amendment Project, after receiving the Islands 2050 engagement feedback reports at the June 2022 Trust Council meeting. As such, TPC requested staff to explore possibilities for an additional in-person TPC meeting in late June or July, to facilitate a workshop-style discussion of the various streams of engagement feedback and to develop recommendations on next steps for revision of the draft new Policy Statement. These recommendations could be provided by TPC to Trust Council for consideration at its September 2022 meeting.

Staff have identified **Nanaimo** as a central location and **July 15 or 22** as possible dates for the proposed in-person meeting. TPC members are asked to review their availability in advance of the May 13 regular meeting, so that the committee will be in a position on May 13 to schedule a specific date for the July meeting.

As there was no existing budget to support an additional in-person special TPC meeting, TPC passed a resolution at its April 8 meeting to request additional funding from Executive Committee for an additional in-person meeting this summer.

On May 4, Executive Committee approved TPC’s request with the following resolution:

That Executive Committee approve an increase in spending of \$1,300 to support an additional in-person special Trust Programs Committee meeting in Summer 2022 to review Islands 2050 engagement feedback from the public, First Nations, and referral agencies.

3 IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

ORGANIZATIONAL: Scheduling and coordination of the meeting and staff travel and attendance at the special in-person meeting will require approximately 30 hours of Trust Area Services staff time and administrative staff time for minute taking and livestreaming/recording. Staff will work with trustees to arrange for a local trust committee electronic meeting kit to be available for the meeting.

FINANCIAL: It is estimated that an additional in-person TPC meeting in Nanaimo will cost approximately \$1,300 for venue, food, and trustee travel expenses. Executive Committee approved this additional funding request from TPC on May 4, 2022. Staff travel costs of approximately \$300 would be drawn from the existing Trust Area Services travel budget.

POLICY: None.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATIONS: Following TPC's decision on a date for the meeting, Trust Area Services staff will work with the TPC Chair on a session outline for the meeting, and with administrative staff to coordinate the in-person event details.

FIRST NATIONS: None

OTHER: None

RELEVANT POLICY(S): None

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RESPONSE OPTIONS

Recommendation: That Trust Programs Committee schedule a special in-person meeting on July XX to review Islands 2050 engagement feedback from the public, First Nations, and referral agencies, and to develop recommendations for Trust Council on next steps for the Policy Statement Amendment Project.

Alternatives: That Trust Programs Committee direct staff to investigate other possible meeting date options for a special in-person meeting in summer 2022.

Prepared By: Dilani Hippola, Senior Policy Advisor, Trust Area Services

Reviewed By/Date: Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services / May 5, 2022

Top Priorities Report

Trust Programs Committee

1. Policy Statement Amendment Project

Implement Policy Statement engagement plan and project charter (in support of Strategic Plan strategies 3.1; 4.4; 5.6; 5.7)

Responsible

Clare Frater
Dilani Hippola
Gillian Nicol

Dates

Rec'd: 21-Jun-2017
Target: 15-Oct-2022

2. Secretariat Role to Forums within the Trust Area

Administer Secretariat Services program. Strategic Plan item 5.2

Responsible

Clare Frater
Gillian Nicol

Dates

Rec'd: 20-Jun-2018
Target: 15-Oct-2022

3. Stewardship Education Program

Develop and implement a stewardship education program directed towards the public, industry and stakeholders in the Trust Area. (Strategic Plan strategy #4.3). This includes the Living in the Trust Area project guided by the project charter endorsed by TPC.

Responsible

Clare Frater

Dates

Rec'd: 13-Aug-2020
Target: 15-Oct-2022

Trust Programs Committee

1. *Update Crown Land Agreements*

Responsible

Date Received

Engage Bowen Island Municipality and the Province of B.C. in updating and consolidating existing agreements into one.

19-Jun-2014

2. *Community Benefit Land Trust Concept*

Responsible

Date Received

Further consideration of the Community Benefit Land Trust Concept briefing presented to TPC on February 5, 2021.

05-Feb-2021