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## **January 2019 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 January 15 – 16 at the Coast Bastion Hotel in Nanaimo.

Trust Council welcomes input about how the Islands Trust can improve on how it delivers its mandate and encourages members of the community to attend a town hall session on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> starting after 1:00 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.

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](mailto:lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca)) by **Friday, December 21, 2018**. Guidelines for presentations to Council may be viewed at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil>.

The [meeting schedule](#) starts Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and is expected to end by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. The meeting agenda package will be posted to the Islands Trust website calendar by January 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **The sessions for this Trust Council meeting includes:**

**Trustee Orientation** – sessions will focus on the following areas:

- Local Planning Services
- Trust Area Services
- Islands Trust Conservancy
- Budgeting
- Standards of Conduct / Conflict of Interest / Freedom of Information
- First Nations
- Strategic Planning
- Local Trust Committee Review

**Business Decision Items** – During these sessions, Trust Council considers and discusses topics related to its core business, including reviewing advocacy and policy positions on a variety of topics, progress on strategic priorities, and recommendations from the Local Planning, Trust Programs, and Financial Planning committees regarding proposed work programs for the next quarter.

**Delegations and Town Hall** – After 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 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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