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JUNE 2019 ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Lekwungen territory, Victoria – The Islands Trust Council invites members of the public to observe and participate in its next quarterly business meeting, June 18-20. The meeting is being held on Penelakut and Coast Salish territory on Galiano Island at the Galiano South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Rd.

Members of the community are encouraged to attend a town hall session on Wednesday, June 19, starting at 1:30 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. Trust Council welcomes input about how the Islands Trust can improve on delivery of its mandate.

Persons or organizations wishing to make a formal delegation are asked to 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) by **Thursday, May 30**. Guidelines for presentations to Council can be viewed online here: <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil>.

Sessions during Trust Council will include:

Trustee Roundtable – This session is an opportunity for trustees to exchange information about common island topics.

Regular Agenda Items – During these sessions, Trust Council considers and discusses topics related to its core business. Trust Council will review advocacy and policy positions on a variety of topics, and review recommendations from the Local Planning, Trust Programs, and Financial Planning committees regarding proposed work programs for the next quarter.

Strategic Planning – On the afternoon of Tuesday, June 18th, trustees will participate in a facilitated session as part of the continuing work to develop a Strategic Plan for the 2018-2022 term.

Delegations and Town Hall – From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 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 meeting schedule and agenda package will be posted to the Islands Trust website calendar by June 10.

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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, land conservation, education, in co-operation with First Nations and other agencies. 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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