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March 2020 Islands Trust Council Program Announced

Lekwungen, METULIYE/Victoria, BC – The Islands Trust Council invites members of the public to observe and participate in its next quarterly business meeting March 10-12 on Salt Spring Island at the Harbour House Hotel, 121 Upper Ganges Road.

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, March 11, 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.

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. Please send the topic, speaker's name, and contact information to Lori Foster (email: lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca) by **Tuesday, February 18, 2020**. Guidelines for presentations to Council may be viewed at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil>.

The meeting schedule starts Tuesday, March 10 at 1:30 p.m. and is expected to end by 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12th. The meeting agenda package will be posted to the Islands Trust website [calendar](#) by February 28, 2020.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

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

2020/2021 Budget - On Wednesday, March 11, Trustees will review and discuss the proposed budget for Council's core operations and potential projects. Trustees will consider public input received before finalizing and approving the Islands Trust's 2020/2021 budget. More details about the budget and opportunities for input are available at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/budget/>

Delegations and Town Hall – After 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 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.

Decision and Information Items – Trust Council will consider a variety of routine business updates and decisions and will review recommendations from each Council Committee regarding proposed work programs for the coming quarter.

Closed Sessions – In closed sessions, trustees will review and consider litigation and personnel matters.

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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 Area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to over 28,000 Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. 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 and Bowen Island Municipality.

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