



# Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee

## Regular Meeting Addendum

Date: January 23, 2020  
Time: 10:30 am  
Location: Gabriola Arts & Heritage Centre  
476 South Road, Gabriola Island, BC

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10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

4.3 *Electoral Area Director's Report*

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Date: January 16 2020  
To: Gabriola Island Trust Committee  
From: Vanessa Craig, RDN Director Area B  
Subject: Electoral Area Director's Report

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- The Board endorsed, in principle, the draft of the updated Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Action Plan. The plan is now available for public review and comment through the RDN's Get Involved website (<https://www.rdn.bc.ca/get-involved-rdn>) until January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Child Care Needs Assessment, which is a partnership between the RDN, City of Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, and Lantzville is open for another week or so <https://www.nanaimo.ca/your-government/projects/projects-detail/child-care-needs-assessment>.
- The RDN Board is in the process of budget planning with some changes designed to make progress in the priorities identified in the strategic plan. Some of the inclusions in the budget are:
  - An increase in the Regional Parks and Trails parcel tax to go towards regional parks acquisition and improvements
  - An increase in the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection parcel tax to address the priorities identified in the updated 10-year action plan
  - Funding to continue the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Program – the next stage is to produce a combined river hazard mapping and risk assessment. The Board supported staff in applying to the provincial Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for matching funds
  - Funding to support a new Climate Change Technical Advisory Committee, including staff time
- The Board approved entering into a contract with SD68 and SD69 to implement a School Education Pilot Project on solid waste for 1 year
- The Board received a report with data on viewership of the live streaming/webcast of RDN meetings. Although the viewership was not high, the Board felt it was important to continue the service.
- RDN Transit service has recently been expanded to include service to the airport – buses will run between downtown and the airport five times daily between Monday and Friday.

Upcoming:

- The Electoral Area Service Committee and the Committee of the Whole meetings are upcoming on January 14<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming Board meetings are on January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Craig