



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Regular Meeting Addendum

Date: October 17, 2017
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall)
North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC

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	13.2 <i>Road Safety - verbal update by Trustee Luckham</i>	



Trust Fund Board Report to Local Trust Committees and Bowen Island Municipality October 2017



Regional Conservation Plan (RCP)

The Trust Fund Board (TFB) has approved the draft Regional Conservation Plan (RCP) for 2018-2027. The RCP will be used by the TFB to evaluate conservation proposals, to direct communications and fundraising efforts and to guide property management work. A new element is a focus on relationship building with First Nations. The Board has referred the RCP to local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality for review. (It has also been referred to partner agencies and First Nations and will be posted on the Islands Trust Fund (ITF) website with a mechanism to enable public feedback). Staff will be available to attend LTC and BIM meetings in person if possible and electronically if not. The Board is expecting to consider final approval of the Regional Conservation Plan in January 2018.

Islands Trust Fund Five Year Plan

The *Islands Trust Act* requires the TFB to submit a plan to the minister every five years providing information on goals and key policies. The Board has approved a draft plan for 2018-2022 which references the new Regional Conservation Plan and describes relevant policies. This draft is also being referred to local trust committees, Bowen Island Municipality and First Nations. The Board expects to submit the plan to the Minister by the end of the year.

Board Retreat

The TFB and senior staff will be participating in a day long retreat in October for high level discussions on future directions with a particular focus on fundraising, (with facilitation from an experienced expert in the field).

Property Monitoring

The Board has received detailed reports on the results of this year's monitoring of our 27 nature reserves, the 24 NAPTEP covenanted areas and the 50 other covenants we hold. A number of management issues have been identified which are now being addressed (see below for highlights by island).

Summary of Current Island-by-Island Activities

Bowen

Trees recently planted at the David Otter Nature Reserve are looking healthy.

Denman

Communication is continuing with neighbours of the Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve to clearly delineate property boundaries. Mountain bike damage is a concern in the Morrison Marsh Nature Reserve; addressing this issue will be considered during the current review of the management plan. There is no further evidence of tree cutting at the Inner Island Nature Reserve following two large trees being felled there last year. The Trust Fund Board has registered a covenant on the Denman Conservancy Association's Settlement Lands.

Gabriola

The Elder Cedar Nature Reserve continues to suffer from vandalised signs and the impacts of unpermitted mountain bikes and horses. ITF is working with GaLTT to address these and other issues.

Galiano

Monitors were excited to see falcons at the cliffs on Trincomali Nature Reserve. ITF and Galiano Conservancy Association are looking into possible vehicle intrusions and tree removal in the Vanilla Leaf Land Nature Reserve.

Gambier

Recent plantings at Brigade Bay Bluffs and Long Bay Wetland Nature Reserves are looking healthy.

Keats

The fifth draft of a covenant for Sandy Beach has been sent to Sunshine Coast Conservation Association and The Land Conservancy of BC for review. A draft baseline report has been received and is now being reviewed.

Lasqueti

Sheep browsing is proving to be a challenge for restoration work at the John Osland Nature Reserve, (where approximately 50% of the plantings have died) and Mount Trematon Nature Reserve. Stronger materials will be required for protective cages.

South Pender

Progress is being made towards establishing the covenant for Brooks Point Regional Park.

Salt Spring

A trail location issue at Lower Mount Erskine Nature Reserve and a tree cutting incident at McFadden Creek Nature Reserve are being addressed.

Thetis

The first monitoring visit was completed at Moore Hill Nature Reserve and management planning is in progress. Pledges for Fairyslipper Forest are processed and there are two grant applications in progress to raise more funds to complete the purchase. Hydrological and ecosystem assessments are complete for the property.

Please feel free to contact members of the Trust Fund Board or Islands Trust Fund staff for more details.

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