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September 2020 Islands Trust Council Meeting Program Announced

Lekwungen, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – The Islands Trust Council invites the public to participate in its next quarterly business meeting, being held online over two days, September 15-16, 2020. The electronic meeting will be conducted using Zoom video and audio conferencing, and it will be live-streamed.

“We usually meet in person, but COVID-19 related restrictions still apply, and electronic meetings continue to be necessary,” shared Peter Luckham, Chair of Islands Trust Council. “The benefit of this situation is that people from across the Trust area can attend the meeting. We encourage the curious and anyone interested in preserving and protecting the Islands Trust area to be part of the meeting. The public can watch the live stream, apply to present to Council or take part in the town hall portion of the meeting. We welcome input, comments, ideas and feedback on topics related to the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust.”

Trust Council, works to preserve and protect over 450 islands in the Salish Sea. Council meets quarterly to make decisions about matters that apply to the Islands Trust area, and most of the two-day Trust Council meeting involves routine business. Trust Council receives, discusses and makes decisions about policies, finances, updates, recommendations and proposed work for the coming quarter. There is also a Trustee roundtable where Council members exchange local information about initiatives, events, or developments of interest to all Trustees. On day two of the meeting, members of the public, who have successfully applied to be a delegation of one or more, present to Council, and there is a town hall.

View and Listen to the Meeting

The meeting will be live-streamed on September 15 and 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. View the meeting at <https://collaboratevideo.net/islandstrust/A>

Participate in the Town Hall

The town hall portion of the meeting, on September 16, is an opportunity for the public to ask questions or share information about topics impacting the whole Trust area. Speakers usually have 3-5 minutes to speak, but there is no ability to share documents. To speak at the town hall, register at https://islandstrust.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9yh_kOInRUOtWKuvxPIORg

Present to Council

To formally present to Council on September 16 about matters impacting the whole Trust area, apply by August 25. Learn how to make an application by going to the *Delegations* section of the Islands Trust website www.islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil

On September 4, the Trust Council Meeting agenda package will be available in the [What's New](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/what-s-new) <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/> section of the Islands Trust website homepage.

To receive notifications about upcoming Trust Council meetings, sign up to receive subscriber [notices](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/connect/stay-informed/subscribe-or-unsubscribe/) <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/connect/stay-informed/subscribe-or-unsubscribe/>.

Preserving **island** communities, culture and environment

Bowen, Denman, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Hornby, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis

Until further notice, to protect the health and safety of trustees, Islands Trust employees, and the public during the COVID-19 pandemic, Trust Council meetings will be held electronically and broadcast using Zoom. The Islands Trust appreciates the public's understanding and assistance during this time.

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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.

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