



## Islands Trust Council Highlights December 1-3, 2020

*The following is a list of highlights of Trust Council's activities and decisions during its December 1-3, 2020 meeting held electronically. These highlights are not the official minutes of the Trust Council meeting; Trust Council will adopt those at its March 2021 electronic meeting.*

### **Governance and Management Review**

Trust Council approved an external review of the Islands Trust's governance, management and operations.

### **Policy Statement Amendment Project (PSAP)**

A full day of discussion around the PSAP project has been allocated to the March 2021 Trust Council.

A motion to define the words "unique amenities" was postponed for consideration to the March Trust Council meeting.

Trust Council requested Trust Programs Committee (TPC) prepare questions for trustees regarding themes that have been emerging during discussion of the PSAP, and the responses be provided to TPC by the end of January 2021.

The Community Benefit Land Trust briefing was referred to TPC for consideration in the context of the Trust Policy Statement Project.

### **Natural Area Property Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) Certificates Issued**

Two NAPTEP certificates were issued for Salt Spring Island protecting 48.5 ha of island ecosystems through the tax exemption program.

### **Strategic Plan Amended**

Trust Council approved the development of heritage preservation overlay mapping for the Trust Area and the development of model heritage regulatory bylaws for protection of potential heritage and cultural sites.

### **Active Transportation Planning Grant**

Trust Council supported the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee's application for a Transportation Planning Grant.

### **Accelerating Planner Staffing Shifts to Support Strategic Plan Goals**

It was requested that an analysis of this request will be brought back to the March Trust Council for consideration.

### **Freighter Anchorages Advocacy**

Trust Council reaffirmed its position to further advocate for the removal of 33 freighter anchorages in the Salish Sea.

Staff will obtain a legal opinion on the ability of Islands Trust to prohibit or regulate non-emergency anchoring of vessels in the waters of the Trust Area and consider drafting model bylaws for this purpose.

### **Federal Aquaculture Act Consultation**

Trust Council will prepare a submission to the consultation regarding development of Canada's first-ever Aquaculture Act.

### **New Staffing Considerations**

Trust Council approved a business case be forwarded to the March budget session to consider funding a Communications Specialist position for bylaw infraction prevention.

### **Trust Council 2021 Meeting Schedule**

Trust Council adopted the following meeting dates and locations for 2021: March 9-11/electronic, June 8-10/electronic, September 21-23/in-person Nanaimo and November 30 to December 2/in-person Victoria.

### **Annual Staff Awards**

- *The Innovation Award* to Mark van Bakel and David Beeston for outstanding and ongoing efforts to pivot Islands Trust to a remote workforce.
- *The Champion Award* to William Shulba for upholding the Islands Trusts' mandate and policy in action and through projects.
- *The Legacy Award* to Sonja Zupanec to celebrate and acknowledge the creation of lasting change within the Islands Trust that improves and enriches who we are, how we work, and what we represent.