



Islands Trust Council Highlights November 30 – December 2, 2021

The following is a list of [agenda](#) and [addendum](#) highlights of Trust Council's activities and decisions during its November 30 – December 2, 2021, meeting. These highlights are not the official minutes; Trust Council will adopt those at its March 8-10, 2022, meeting being held in Nanaimo. Recordings are posted to the website through the [calendar tool](#).

Draft Budget 2022/23

Council approved a draft budget, for public consultation, with a 5.16% increase for local trust areas and 10.7% increase for Bowen Island Municipality for its municipal contribution. Public consultation on the draft budget will begin in January. Comments may be emailed to budget@islandstrust.bc.ca Council is scheduled to adopt its budget in March 2022.

Housing Equity and Workforce Shortage Crisis

Trust Council affirmed a housing equity and workforce shortage crisis exists in many of the islands within the Trust-area and referred recommendations to the Regional Planning Committee for further consideration.

Draft Freshwater Sustainability Strategy

Council received the strategy and forwarded it to the Regional Planning Committee for policy development.

Natural Area Property Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) Certificate Issued

A NAPTEP certificate was amended on North Pender to increase a covenant area (1 ha), and provisional approval was provided to issue a NAPTEP certificate for a property on Lasqueti (11.35 ha) to protect ecosystems and plant habitat on the applicants' properties.

Community Stewardship Awards Program

After a hiatus, the [program](#) was reinstated beginning January 2022. Further announcements are pending.

Administrative Policy Reviews

Council adopted amended policies 2.1.2., Standards of Conduct and 5.5.1., Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement in addition to giving third reading to amendment Bylaw 184 Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw.

Trust Council 2022 Meeting Schedule

The following dates and locations were adopted: March 8-10 in Nanaimo, June 21-23 held electronically, September 20-22 held electronically, November 1-3 in Victoria and December 6-8 electronically.

Disposition of Delegations

Council resolved action or follow-up on all 6 delegation presentations to Trust Council. Delegates will be notified of council outcomes.

Staff Awards

The Innovation Award was presented to David Marlor, Director of Local Planning Services and the Legacy Award to Carmen Thiel, Legislative Services Manager, recognizing their dedication and work contributions to Islands Trust this year.