

Climate Change on Lasqueti Island

Jen Gobby and Susan Morrison, your Island Trust Trustees, invite you to attend a Community Meeting to discuss adding new policies and actions to our Official Community Plan on reducing greenhouse gas emissions on Lasqueti Island.

Why are we meeting on this? This project is part of a larger goal held by the Islands Trust to be “climate wise” and has also been prompted by Bill 27. In addition, it is in conjunction with non-provincially mandated climate change work that has been initiated by your Local Trust Committee and residents on the Island.

As required in Bill 27, by May 31, 2010, all 19 Official Community Plans for island communities (and all official community plans in BC) will be amended to include **targets** for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the area covered by the plan, and **policies** and **actions** of the local government and the community for achieving those targets.

For example, a **target** might be to match the Province’s goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 33% by 2020. A **target** could also be to increase the number of solar operations on the Island by a specified year, which would result in a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

A **policy** could speak to supporting local food production to reduce food transportation costs and decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

Emissions Survey Findings will be presented by APC members at this meeting and includes many great ideas we may want to consider as strategies for reducing emissions. What do you see happening on Lasqueti Island?

Our Official Community Plan

In the Islands Trust Area, Local Trust Committees have authority to regulate land use. Local Trust Committees and the residents of the islands can significantly influence future greenhouse gas emissions through Official Community Plan policies and actions.

For example, the design and layout of roads, buildings and communities directly influence greenhouse gas emissions. Plan policies can also encourage “green” building. The Official Community Plans can highlight local initiatives and practices that help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The changes proposed to the Official Community Plans will focus actions that can be taken by the Islands Trust and island residents, but we will also make recommendations to other agencies on how they can help us achieve new greenhouse gas emission reductions.

Our Official Community Plan is the one document that speaks for our whole community – come be a part of making changes that fit Lasqueti Island.

Climate Wise Islands

Detailed information on this initiative is available on a new climate change section of the Islands Trust website at: <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/climatechange>

We need your help to decide on targets, policies and actions. Come out for a cookie and conversation!

Notice of a Community Meeting

Thursday, December 3rd
Lasqueti Community Hall
Open House 6-6:30 pm
Presentation from the APC
on the Emissions Survey at
6:30 pm
Working Session to follow
from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Questions or comments? Please contact your Trustees...

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