

Pender Post – March 2010 LTC Meeting

The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) met on March 18th 2010, for its regular business meeting. Local Trustees Derek Masselink & Gary Steeves were in attendance as well as Chair Peter Luckham from Thetis. Island Planner Andrea Pickard was also present.

Minutes

Minutes of the February 25th LTC business meeting and the February 25th in camera meeting were approved. Draft minutes from the February 16th Advisory Planning Commission meeting were received.

Follow-up From Previous LTC Meetings

The LTC discussed the Follow-up Action Report noting that all matters from the February 25th meeting were either complete or on the current agenda for decision.

Applications, Permits and Bylaws

There was only one application on the agenda. It pertained to an old, pre-existing landing and deck which intruded into the natural area boundary setback. It had originally crossed into the water zone and while that portion of the deck had been removed, the property owner sought a variance that would permit a structure inside the 50 foot setback from the ocean. The LTC denied permission for a deck but allowed the landing at the foot of the stairway to be retained.

The Local Trust Committee considered three staff reports on three draft by-laws. The first of these draft bylaws (numbered 179) would make a series of technical amendments to the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) to provide clarity, update information or remove ambiguity in the bylaw. The second, numbered 180, would amend the LUB to include lot averaging provisions and amend the agricultural regulations. Draft by-law 181, the third of the drafts are recommended amendments to the LUB to put protective zoning in place for Buck Lake, Magic Lake and Gardom Pond.

The LTC made changes to 'draft' bylaw 179 by changing or deleting some items included by the planning staff. The amended version of 179 as well as draft bylaws 180 and 181 were given first reading and are now referred to as proposed by-laws 179, 180 and 181.

Routine Reports

The LTC received a series of routine reports on its work program, applications log and its budget & expenses. No changes were made to the Committee's work program. The LTC did, however, review and revise the content of its webpage.

Chair and Trustees' Report

The Chair and Trustees reported on the upcoming Trust Council and continuing efforts to get a bicycle shelter at the Otter Bay Ferry Terminal.

Future Meetings

The next LTC meeting is Thursday April 29th at the Pender Islands Community Hall at 9:45 AM.

The Committee meets the last Thursday each month with the exception of August and December.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded with a Town Hall session and a brief in-camera session.

Respectfully submitted

Derek Masselink and Gary Steeves
Local Trustees