

**Calendar Date:**

**June 8, Local Trust Committee Meeting, Community Room, South Pender Firehall, 10AM**

**South Pender  
Local Trust Committee**

The Local Trust Committee met on May 4 to discuss projects and priorities for this fiscal year. We have completed the necessary amendments to our Official Community Plan to fulfill the requirements of provincial government Bill 27 regarding climate change mitigation and have forwarded the changes to the Executive Committee of the Trust for their approval, after which it goes to the Minister of Community and Rural Development for consideration and approval before being returned to the Local Trust Committee for final approval. At the May meeting, we reviewed our “priorities list” and our longer “project list” to determine what work is substantially completed and what tasks we are still interested in working on and completing during the current term. It was a pleasure to be able to remove some long-standing items from the list to make way for new projects. Our focus is on identifying and undertaking the preliminary work for the Official Community Plan Review.

In addition, this year we would like to put some time in to preparing information sheets to assist people in understanding how the system works: what the various responsibilities of the Transportation Ministry, the CRD, the Archeological Branch and the Trust are so that the system may be easier to negotiate.....we’ll see. If there is an application process for variances, or lot line adjustments, or other matter that YOU think needs explaining, please contact one of your Trustees. Salt Spring has produced a very interesting Sustainability Checklist (see their webpage for a copy) to help people “make your residential construction project more environmentally friendly and reduce its impact on Salt Spring’s natural ecosystems.” We would like to see this guide issued with South Pender references.

At the June meeting we will be discussing both the approach to be taken to review the Official Community Plan and the topics to be addressed on our information sheets so if you have suggestions for us, please be in touch with your Trustees. At this point, we have not scheduled any meetings for the summer so this will be the last meeting until the fall.

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