



Islands Trust

ARE YOU BUILDING, EXCAVATING, SUBDIVIDING, OR CONSTRUCTING A DRIVEWAY?

The Islands Trust has a new Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw that you will want to know about.

If you are planning or undertaking land development, you may need to register your plans or get a Soil Removal and Deposit Permit. **Drop in and learn** about how Salt Spring's Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw relates to you, the work you do, and your land.

WHAT: Soil Bylaw Open House

WHEN: Monday, November 30, 2009

TIME: 6pm to 9pm

At: Art Spring Lower Gallery, 100 Jackson Avenue, Salt Spring Island

Who Should Attend:

All interested parties are invited to attend, including Home Owners, Contractors, Excavator Operators and Property Developers. Hope to see you there!

Background:

On October 2, 2008, the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee adopted Bylaw 418, a bylaw to control the removal and deposit of soil within the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area. Bylaw 418 sets standards of operation for soil removal and deposit to mitigate environmental and nuisance impacts.

This bylaw came into effect after two years of consultation with community members on Salt Spring Island, with the Capital Regional District and the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

Any soil removal or deposit activity may require:

- 1) Registration of activity with the Islands Trust; or
- 2) A Soil Removal and Deposit Permit

Both application types require a site plan and an explanation of the type and amount of material to be removed or deposited. Permit applications require a design and monitoring program by a licensed professional to address soil stability, downstream erosion, site remediation and dust control. Bylaw 418 also includes standards for blasting, operating hours and re-vegetation of the site within a permit area.

The Islands Trust has recently updated its website to allow quick and easy on-line registration. Registration forms can be filled out on-line and permit applications can be downloaded from this site, which also contains a summary of Bylaw 418, answers to Frequently Asked Questions, and other useful information.

Please come to the Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw Open House on November 30, 2009 or visit <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/soilremoval/soils.cfm> for registration and permit application forms.