



Community Plan

Ruxton, Reid, Pylades, Hudson, Scott, Dayman, Bute and Dunsmuir Islands

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Setting the Right Course

Thank you to everyone who participated in last summer's community survey. Your input was vital in helping to set out the major issues and goals to include in the Community Plan Review. A summary report and addendum of the comments made in the Community Survey are available on the Thetis Island webpage, islandstrust.bc.ca/thetis.

Inside this issue of the newsletter, we present the Preliminary Draft Goals for the Community Plan. These are meant to address areas of present and future concern for the islands that are part of the Community Plan review. There are a handful of overarching goals for all islands, as well as goals specific to certain islands.

Being clear on what goals and issues are important to the community is crucial to developing an effective Official Community Plan. Please read over the Draft Goals and give us your feedback.

We have created an online survey to facilitate feedback: tinyurl.com/settingplangoals

If you are unable to complete the survey online, please contact us for alternatives.



Community Plan Draft Goals

Based on the community survey sent out last summer, as well as input from the Ruxton Advisory Planning Commission regarding Ruxton goals, below are our draft goals for the Community Plan.

Before we begin to create policies about these topics, we would like to know...

Is everything you want to discuss in a Community Plan covered in these goals?

Is there something you disagree with?

Do you have ideas on how we could meet these goals?

Please give us your feedback on these goals by completing the survey at:
tinyurl.com/settingplangoals
 or email: thetisassociatedislands@islandstrust.bc.ca.

We appreciate your survey answers by February 28, 2013.



GOALS FOR ALL ISLANDS

- Protect sensitive ecosystems •
- Protect or improve the sustainability and quality of freshwater resources •
- Maintain a rural, residential island atmosphere •
- Adapt for climate change •
- Advance the ecological & archaeological stewardship of coastal areas and shore lands •

RUXTON'S ADDITIONAL GOALS

Community Issues

- Address access to and from the island
- Improve emergency preparedness & response
- Address overcrowding of mooring buoys
- Address noise nuisance
- Consider possible policy regarding commercial activity
- Strengthen the sense of community

Water Issues

- Improve protection of groundwater resources and quality of drinking water
- Address sewage disposal

Environmental Issues

- Improve management of existing parks
- Increase the area of protected land
- Recognize the wetland ecosystem on Ruxton and support the CVRD in stewardship of the Ruxton Marsh



Development Issues

- Protect the natural aesthetic of residential development
- Maintain roads at their current small-scale of development
- Address side setback regulations

REID'S ADDITIONAL GOAL

- Address South Reid Retreats Ltd's property density potential



HUDSON'S ADDITIONAL GOAL

- Honour statutory building scheme in any new policy and regulations





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Eelgrass Mapping

A nearshore eelgrass inventory is now complete for the islands in the Islands Trust Area! Check the Thetis webpage at the end of February for a link to this mapping, as well as the report summarizing eelgrass inventory findings by island.

www.islandstrust.bc.ca/thetis

Ruxton Island Advisory Planning Commission Update

In August, we established the Ruxton Advisory Planning Commission (APC) to help give input regarding Ruxton Island policies and regulations.

Ruxton APC Members

Roger Kimmerly
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 Larry Ross
 Gina Couchman
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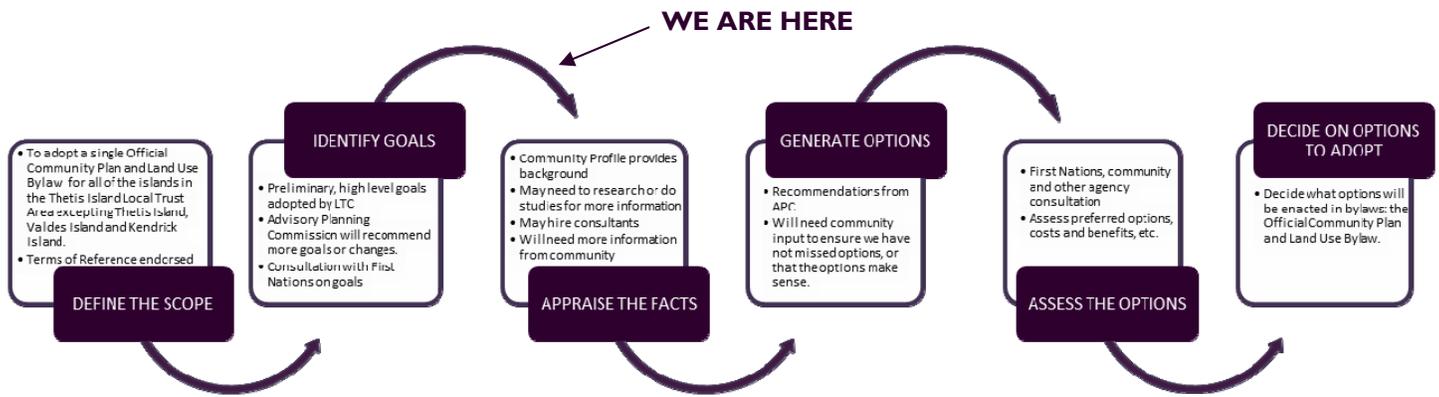
The Ruxton APC had their first meeting in October, 2012, where they gave input on issues they felt were important to discuss in the Community Plan review. They agreed to meet again in the Spring to refine their list of goals.

The next Ruxton APC meeting will be held on Friday, March 1, 2013 at the Nanaimo Convention Centre from 11am – 3pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting to observe.

We hope that Ruxton residents will discuss Community Plan ideas with their neighbours, but should you wish to make any formal comments, please direct them to the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee or the Island Planner (contact info on the back of this newsletter). The Ruxton APC is an advisory body only and will not make decisions on the Community Plan review; rather, the Thetis Island Local Area Trustees will make decisions as they are the elected officials for the area.

Please make sure your mailing address is up to date!

Do you know of a neighbor who is not receiving this newsletter? Likely, the mailing address they have registered with BC Assessment is outdated and should be changed. BC Assessment is the only place where mailing addresses are stored, so it is important that this information is kept up to date. To change a mailing address, a Change of Address form can be found on the BC Assessment website (www.bcassessment.ca) under 'Forms and Publications'.



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Preserving Island communities, culture and environment

The Islands Trust is a unique federation of independent local governments, which plans land use and regulates development in the trust area. Like other communities in British Columbia, island communities elect their local representatives every three years.

There are two local trustees elected for each group of islands designated as a local trust area. Together, with an appointed chair from the Executive Committee, local trustees are responsible for land use decisions within their respective local trust area.

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