

At the last business meeting of the local Trust Committee a recommended proposal from staff for the permitting of secondary suites on Mayne Island was reviewed. A motion was passed directing staff to forward the draft bylaw to agencies impacted by this potential decision. These agencies include all water districts, the Fire Department and the APC in addition to others. All information on this proposal can be found at the Islands Trust web site or on request from Brian or myself.

In addition to regular business the Trust committee was given a presentation by Leanna Boyer on behalf of the Mayne Island Conservancy. The conservancy has studied the entire shoreline of Mayne Island by boat and now has maps and photo's indicating areas in relation to their environmental importance. The Trust Committee will be contacting waterfront land owners to share this information as well as holding a future workshop on this topic with the conservancy. If you would like to know the status of your property please contact the conservancy.

On June 11-13th the Islands Trust Council was held on Mayne Island. Many interesting presentations were heard but of specific local interest were the Mayne Island Health Association, Mayne Island Conservancy and Recycling Society who shared information with the Trustees on topics that all Islanders have in common. Trust Council also heard a presentation from representatives of Kinder Morgan on their proposed expansion and subsequent increase in tanker traffic within the Trust area. A silent and well organized group of Islanders largely dressed in black and comprised of all ages, lined the walls of the Agricultural Hall to listen to both the presenters and the Trustees questions to this group. While most did not support expansion of the pipeline the cordial exchange of opinions was very evident throughout this presentation.

Our great caterers Eden Buday with help from Grant and Elizabeth kept us well sated. Dinners were much enjoyed both at the Bennett Bay Bistro and the Springwater Lodge. As well entertainment was provided at the Bistro by Bill Bender, Don McDougall and Gail Noonan, thank you to all Islanders for your hard work.

On June 12th Trustees had a longer lunch break so that they were able to visit the Glass Foundry, Japanese Gardens and Dinner Bay Park which had a chauffeured drive by volunteer bus driver Richard DeArmond, as well Joanna Weeks manned the Museum so all could have a visit. As usual I always hear the comments from Trustees on how they love our Island and its hospitality. Many thanks to all Mayne Islanders for making this a memorable time, Trust Council makes one visit per three year term to our Island and this was a chance to showcase what makes us so special within the Trust area.

The final and most exciting item to report on from Trust Councils time on Mayne Island was the selection of the Mayne Island Conservancy, its Shoreline Care Program, for a Community Stewardship Award. The Trust Council presents these awards once a year and for 2013 three group awards, two individual awards and one posthumous award were given out. The Mayne Island local Trust Committee will hold a small award ceremony at its meeting July 31st to further celebrate this event.

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