



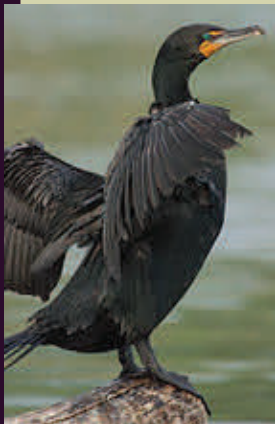
Islands Trust

Community Plan

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

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Moving Forward on the OCP

Since the last newsletter in January, goals for the overall project have been finalized (available at the Thetis Island webpage) and work has begun on drafting the Official Community Plan (OCP) itself.

What do you think?

The latest version of the draft (v1.3) is available on the Thetis website now for early review; we hope that you will take a look and give us your feedback.

Ruxton Island property owners have been quick to comment on the draft OCP (both individuals and the Ruxton Island Advisory Planning Commission), but Islands Trust is also seeking input from owners on the other Associated Islands. Please contact our Island Planner (contact on back) with any comments on the draft OCP, or any ideas for how the Trust can best engage and solicit feedback from all the Associated Islands.

What else is happening?

Some background research and mapping projects are underway to make sure that policies included in the OCP are based on the best available information.

Rare Ecosystem Mapping to identify any special natural features on the Associated Islands.

Best practices and requirements in groundwater protection and wastewater management for small lot rural subdivisions.

Policy research on *mitigating climate change impacts* on small islands.

A technical study to establish whether any sites on Ruxton Island would actually have potential for a community dock.

A set of case studies with lessons learned about community and communal docks developed on other small islands on the BC coast.

What happens next?

Once the OCP is in good shape following public consultation and this research, work will begin on the Land Use Bylaw this fall. Stay tuned!

What is the difference between an OCP and a Land Use Bylaw?

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is the document used to guide planning and land use decisions, and reflects community concerns. It gives overarching guidance but does not get into the details.

The Land Use Bylaw (sometimes called a Zoning Bylaw) is where the detailed regulations are housed. Setbacks, permitted uses, these are in the Land Use Bylaw (LUB). The LUB must be consistent with the overarching OCP.

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Reid, Pylades, and Hudson Islanders!

Is there a community association for your island? If so, planning staff would love to come meet with you for your feedback on the community plan project. We will come to you, we just need to know when and where you meet.

Please contact our Island Planner (contact below) if you would like to meet with her or have any questions.

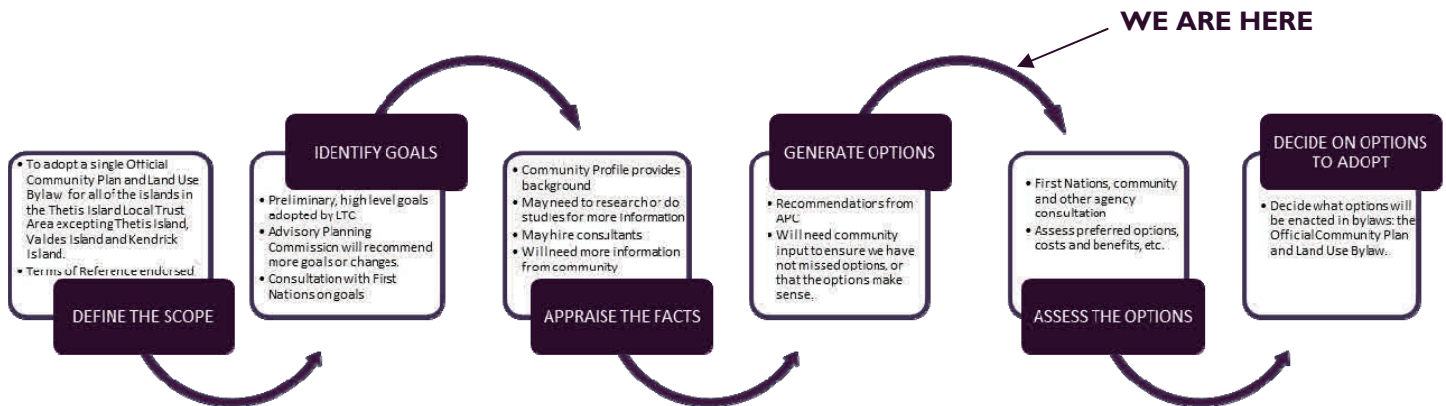


Ruxton Islanders!

The next Community Information Meeting on Ruxton will be on Saturday August 3 at 12pm at Naylor Bay. Stick around after the pancake breakfast and find out what is happening with Ruxton and the OCP!

Dayman, Scott, Bute, and Dunsmuir Islanders!

Planning staff would love to meet or talk on the phone with you as well. Please contact our Island Planner, Aleksandra Brzozowski, at 250.247.2207 if you have any questions or comments.



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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.