

South Pender Island Trustees' Report

On Saturday, January 4th, 2014, from 1 to 4 PM, local Trustees invite South Pender property-owners and residents to a special community meeting at the Hope Bay Studio, on the ground floor of the Hope Bay Store. Tea, coffee and delicious refreshments will be served. This is an excellent opportunity for you to give your Trustees some feedback on how things are going, and to offer your ideas and suggestions for the future. If you have never attended or rarely attend LTC meetings, this is one you should not miss. We recognize that our usual business meetings can be long, formal and not necessarily conducive to community participation. The January 4th meeting will be different. It will include a time to meet and visit with neighbours and Trustees over refreshments, followed by an extended Town Hall. Our primary role will be to listen to your ideas, concerns and critiques. We can also answer your questions and report on our specific priorities, including the progress of the Land Use Bylaw review.

Perhaps you have questions about our South Pender shorelines and what we are learning about the shoreline ecology, expected sea level rise and current best practices for protection and mitigation. You might like to know more about the South Gulf Islands regional Farm Plan, now in its early stages. For those of you living close to the bridge between North and South Pender, you may be interested in ideas for enforcing the speed limit for boats passing under the bridge. You may also have questions on the status of the Church of the Good Shepherd, the subject of community meetings this Fall. With a healthy number of South Pender Islanders in attendance, including residents who participate on the Advisory Planning Commission and the South Pender Historical Society, there will be interesting and informative discussions. Watch your mailbox for a newsletter and invitation giving the specific details of this meeting.

The Nov 5th LTC meeting minutes should now be available at the SPI webpage of the Islands Trust website: <islandstrust.bc.ca>. Meeting calendar, agendas and minutes of past meetings, as well as many other resources are also available there. For example, the November 5th agenda package includes Pender Community Transition's report on recent green energy and local food security activities. Did you know that, according to local fruit tree experts Bob and Verna Duncan, it is possible to grow citrus and olive trees and other subtropical and Mediterranean varieties here on the Penders? More information is available in that PCT report.

Starting in December, Mike Jones will be holding office hours once a month at Islands Trust office at Hope Bay. The day will vary depending on what works best for everyone. To set up a meeting, please e-mail or call Mike, using contact information listed below.

We look forward to seeing South Pender property-owners and residents January 4, 2014, at 1 PM and we wish all of you a Joy-filled Holiday Season!

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