

The Local trust committee did not have a business meeting until October 30th this month, but on September 28 there was a Special Meeting to hear a presentation from the Mayne Island Conservancy about their Shoreline inventory of Mayne Island. Approximately 500 property owners of waterfront lands were notified by mail and invited to attend this presentation. A good size group did attend and heard about what unique environmental factors shape our shorelines. Presenter Leanna Boyer provided information about the role of shorelines on the feeder fish which take nutrients from the debris off upland properties, about their importance in the oceans food chain, and the challenges with some shores having cement structures for protection from erosion thereby preventing those nutrients from reaching the shores. In addition concerns were expressed that predicted sea level rise and increases in storm surges as the climate changes could lead to more shoreline development as home owners struggle to retain their properties. These upcoming issues and concerns shaped Leanna's presentation.

The shoreline report is available at the Mayne Island web page of the Islands Trust web site. The Islands Trust has endorsed Green Shores as the standard for work on future structures on the shoreline, and an excellent example of this principle is found in Victoria, BC on the Dallas Road seawall where a more natural sloped beach like structure breaks up wave actions and subsequent damage. Seawalls on Mayne Island are only permitted with the approval of a variance application by the Trust committee. With a large percentage of our shorelines already fully developed and built on, homeowners may find an increasing need to protect their homes from storms and the constant erosion of the shores, a natural process, but also becoming more challenging as the oceans change.

The Trust Committee currently has a housing needs survey underway being conducted by Carol Munro, it is important to future decision making that we hear from all Islanders on their needs for housing as they age. This survey is in regards the proposed 37 unit supportive housing development at Oceanwood. Please be sure to fill in this survey, any questions or concerns as always can be directed to your Trustees.

The Trust Committee will have met October 30 and in November on the 27th at the Agricultural Hall at 1pm.

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