

At our regular business meeting of July 31st, the Local Trust Committee had a short agenda with a primary focus on the proposed bylaw which would permit secondary suites. This bylaw has gone out for referral to various provincial agencies, and more specifically to all affected water districts on Mayne Island. A full report on the responses received and recommendations on this proposed bylaw will be on the September 4th agenda. A recommendation to permit suites was received from the Housing Options Task Force and has been the subject of a lengthy community consultation.

Bylaw 158 was adopted, and this bylaw will remove the requirement for pumping existing wells for quantity when a lot line adjustment is made, providing there is no change in density being requested and provided that there is an existing approved water supply. A lot line adjustment is considered to be a subdivision and that process came with some unnecessary requirements pertaining to proof of water which the Local trust Committee was responsible for.

The LTC was able to take a break from its business meeting to present one of the Islands Trusts 2013 Stewardship Awards to the Mayne Island Conservancy for its shoreline care program. We also took this opportunity to invite all past recipients and nominees for Stewardship Awards; awards were received in 2005 for the Japanese Garden volunteers, in 2006 Ann Johnston for her work in recycling, in 2008 Mary Cooper for her work with water conservation. Nominees were: 2008, Peter Askin for trail building, 2009, the Mayne Island Agricultural Society and Fall Fair and the Mayne Island Early Childhood Society, and in 2012 Michael Dunn for his contributions to environmental education.

The Islands Trust recognizes the work done in our Island communities on a yearly basis with the awards. Mayne Islanders have consistently been part of this recognition since the awards were introduced and we look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate the nominees and award recipients. Refreshments and cake were enjoyed by over 30 attendees, who joined us to celebrate our Island Stewards who contribute so much to the Island community we all love.

The next business meeting will be September 4th, at 1p.m. at our usual venue of the Agricultural Hall. By this time another hectic summer season with many community events and lots of visitors will have come to a close and our Island will begin the shift to the slower autumn season.

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