

The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee did not meet in January. We will have met at the end of February to discuss the Temporary Use Permit for, the dock at the Mayne Island Resort. All property owners within 100 meters of this applicant's property received notices at their doors and in the mail, as well as the community in general by ads in the Mayneliner and notices on our official notice board locations. The applicant is proposing a limited use of the current dock for the strata owners. The dock currently can only be used by the single owner or manager of the resort not, by multiple owners.

As well a public hearing into bylaw 159 and 160 regarding the permitting of secondary suites in limited areas of Mayne Island will have been held. Any information available on these two applications, as well as other business discussed is available at the Islands Trust web site.

As a member of the Islands Trust Council Financial Planning Committee, I have attended two meetings to discuss the budget request for 2015. The Committee has worked hard to reduce expenses and arrive at a budget without any tax increases. During our committee meeting of February 12th a motion by Peter Luckham to reduce the budget by a further 2% was defeated. I voted in favour of the motion, as it is my belief that the Islands Trust, while forming only a small portion of a landowner's property taxes, holds a mandate to be fiscally responsible in these tough economic times.

On February 18th, an "Invitation to Quote" on the creation of a fallow deer eradication plan for Mayne Island was sent out by staff. It is the expectation of the Local Trust Committee that a new policy concerning the orderly, long term reduction of the fallow deer population is a critical component for our Official Community Plan. The successful applicant will work with the community and other stake holders, both local and provincial on this project. As with all projects undertaken by your LTC you will find information on the Islands Trust web site or contact Brian or myself.

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