

**SOUTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUSTEES' REPORT  
MAY 2014**

LUB Review focus groups underway

At the April 8<sup>th</sup> Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting, the Trustees appointed Shannon McConchie, new recording secretary for South Pender Island, as Advisory Planning Commission Secretary. The LTC also appointed chairs of focus groups for the Land Use Bylaw Review. The focus group work is now underway and we include here, for your information, the chairs' messages to the community, respective meeting dates and times as well as chairs' contact information. The South Pender Fire Hall is the venue for all scheduled meetings. Refreshments will be available for focus group meetings. The LTC thanks the chairs for volunteering to serve.

Gordie Duncan chairs the focus group for LUB sections 1,2 and 8 (Interpretation, Administration and Regulations)

Contact: phone: 250-629-9966/ email: [gordied@live.com](mailto:gordied@live.com)

Gordie's scheduled meeting dates and times:

May 6 at 10 AM

May 22 at 10 AM

Gordie writes: "Subsequent to the Jan 4, 2014, Town Hall meeting, we as Focus Committee Chairs are looking forward to your involvement and input on how we can make the Land Use Bylaws a better document to service the needs and wishes of our community. Thank you in advance for your support."

Paul Petrie chairs the focus group for LUB sections 4 and 5 (Zoning and Zoning Regulations)

Contact - phone: 250-629-3419/ email: [pmpetrie@shaw.ca](mailto:pmpetrie@shaw.ca)

Paul's scheduled meeting dates and times:

April 30 at 10:30 AM

May 14 at 2 PM

June 11 at 7 PM

Paul's message: "Our recently revised OCP provides an excellent vision to preserve the rural nature and natural diversity of our island environment for future generations. We now have an opportunity to participate fully in the land use bylaw review, to support this vision by contributing our ideas and suggestions to the focus group sessions."

Ron Henshaw chairs the focus group for sections 3,6 and 7 (General Regulations, Sign and Parking Regulations) Contact - phone: 250-629-2042/email: [ronhenshaw2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:ronhenshaw2003@yahoo.ca)

Ron's scheduled meeting dates and times:

May 8 at 10 AM

May 27 at 7 PM

June 7 at 10 AM (if needed)

Ron's writes: "Having participated as a long term member of our community, I want to emphasize the importance of the Land Use Bylaw and its role in defining our physical presence on the Island. This review is an opportunity to ensure that our community continues to grow in accordance with our collective values, and helps to protect our natural environment and our role within it. I welcome you to participate in this review."

Local Trustees are available to support the work of the focus groups as needed. South Pender residents and landowners who wish to participate in focus groups can contact the chairs and can access and familiarize themselves with the existing Land Use Bylaw at the following link:  
<http://islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/sp/pdf/spbylbaselub0092.pdf>

#### Boat Speeds at the bridge between the Penders

Boat speed limits at the bridge between the Penders will receive more attention and enforcement as we enter the busy boating season. Boat speeds in excess of the 10K/hr (5 knots/hr) limit can create a safety hazard for non-motorized boat and kayak users who may be traveling through the narrow channel at the same time. Excessive speeds also create a wake that erodes the banks along the channel, including the sensitive and culturally important midden sites along the North Pender shoreline.

South Pender's new speed limit signs have arrived but, at this time, Corporal Pick, RCMP and Trustee Montague are seeking assistance with installing the signs on the framework under the bridge. To better cover enforcement of the boat traffic at the bridge, Corporal Pick has trained a group of volunteers to assist with speed monitoring. Trustees and residents are grateful to Corporal Pick and the volunteer monitors for their work and creative problem-solving on this issue.

#### Groundwater Toolkit

The Islands Trust's newly completed Groundwater Toolkit provides information, resources, and background on efforts to protect groundwater that are underway across the islands. The Toolkit is included in the agenda package for the recent April 8th LTC meeting, and is available at the Islands Trust website at the South Pender Island webpage under Meeting Calendar, click on April 8th meeting agenda package and then go to section 13.2.

The next scheduled South Pender LTC meeting is June 24th at 10 AM at the South Pender Fire Hall. While you're at the calendar, you may also consider marking the next Trust Council meeting, June 17th through 19th, scheduled to take place on our neighboring Saturna Island. We'll have more information on that meeting agenda in our next report.

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