

Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Report Trustees Louise Decario and Sandy Pottle

The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) met at the South Galiano Community Hall on September 8, 2014.

Galiano Land and Community Housing Trust (GLCHT)

The affordable housing application put forward by the Galiano Land and Community Housing Trust was given second reading. This project proposes to rezone a ten acre parcel of land near the Daystar market to the Community Housing zone which will allow for the construction of twenty small houses (maximum 100 square metres) and accompanying accessory buildings (maximum 10 square metres) on land leased from the GLCHT. The project will also include a community building and a Laundry/Shower building. The application initially proposed that all units be built by the owners but is now open to building (by GLCHT) of some units for rental. There was general agreement on proceeding with a phased in approach for the project.

Details regarding the Housing Agreement for the project are being worked out between the LTC, GLTCH and the Capital Regional District (CRD). The CRD has agreed in principle to manage and administer the Housing Agreement. The Housing Agreement and an application for funding from the Regional Housing Trust will be completed before a public hearing is scheduled for this project.

Forest 1 Rezoning Application (Keefer)

This application proposes to create 5 five acre residential lots, a Forest 3 lot and parkland, some of which will become a community park and the remainder of which will be transferred to B.C. Parks. One of the residential lots will be sold and the proceeds will go to the Galiano Island Housing Society for the creation of assisted living units at Page Drive Seniors Housing Facility.

The LTC waived the 10% road frontage requirement for 3 of the residential lots and a Development Permit was approved. A Community Information meeting has been scheduled for November 3, 2014. Details of the Forest 3 covenant are being worked out between the applicant and the LTC.

Experience the Gulf Islands Cycling and Pedestrian Draft trail Plan

The LTC has received the Draft Trail Plan from the CRD. This trail system proposes to link the Southern Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island and the mainland. A motion was passed requesting that staff provide comments to the CRD.

Home-Based Contractors Project

At the July 7, 2014 meeting the LTC appointed all four of the people who applied to be involved in a group to review the background and present recommendations to the LTC regarding the issue of home based contractor yards on Galiano. Two of the volunteers have indicated that they no longer wish to participate. The LTC decided to retain the project as a top priority but to defer it until after the election. This will allow the next Local Trust committee to revisit the issue and decide on a course of action.

Trust Council met on Gambier-Keats Island from September 9-11. During the meeting a report entitled "**A SocioEconomic Impact Analysis of B.C. Ferries**" was released to the media from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). A resolution was passed (unanimously) by Council calling on the province to recognize coastal ferry service as a crucial part of provincial transportation infrastructure by providing funding to address identified socioeconomic impacts of fare increases and service cuts.

Mail-in Ballots Those of you who will be away during the upcoming elections will be happy to know that mail-in ballots will now be permitted in Islands Trust electoral areas. Watch for further details or call the CRD.

The next meeting of the Local trust Committee will be held at the **South Galiano Community Hall at 12:30 on October 6, 2014.**