

Cancelled!

The Saturna Island Local Trust Committee has cancelled the Public Hearing portion of the meeting scheduled for this Thursday, September 18th. The Local Trust Committee meeting will still be held, leaving lots of time for the continuation of the Community Information Meeting that was adjourned when time ran out at the August 6th meeting.

Why? Because last Thursday, at our Islands Trust Council Meeting on Keats Island, we had an "Elections Best Practices" presentation which said it is best to avoid public hearings during the election period (September 30th - November 15th). Had we gone ahead with the Public Hearing, and not finished it this week, it would have carried over to our next meeting which is currently scheduled for October 23rd, right in the middle of the election.

And if we did finish the public hearing, either on September 18th or October 23rd, the rules state that once a public hearing is closed, the trustees cannot receive any further information on that topic. This would mean we would be unable to discuss these bylaws at any all-candidates meetings and given that this is the main issue before us today, it seems counterproductive to take those conversations off the table.

So, with apologies for the short cancellation notice, please join us at 12:30 this Thursday at the Saturna Island Rec Centre, 104 Harris Road, for our regularly scheduled meeting. The complete agenda package is available on the Saturna section of the Islands Trust website.

Any questions? Please contact myself:

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