

Mayne Island Local Trust Committee Report  
November 2014

A huge thank you to everyone. It is always better to have an election and Dave Maude did everyone a favour by running and making us articulate many of the concerns and opportunities we have on this lovely island. Many thanks David.

As some of you will have noted, some Islands in the Trust region experienced a roller coaster ride during election time as each community tried to wrestle with the changes felt over the past term and those impending. The next few years will be very critical and challenging as we deal with substantial changes from senior levels of government, local economies and demographics. Jeanine and I extend a very warm invitation to everyone to please share your vision and ideas for what our island might look like in the next decade and how we can best negotiate these changes.

As you read this we will be in Victoria for the first Trust Council which includes meeting the 14 new trustees, allocating committee work and choosing a new chair and executive. We will also find out who will be our LTC chair and exactly when we will begin our new term in January.

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While the Local Trust Committee took a break from its meeting schedule in view of the pending election I was busy with two meetings of the Financial Planning Committee for the Islands Trust Council. The budget for 2015 was discussed and recommendations are in place for the incoming Council in December. A number of new staff positions were proposed with most being minor increases from part time to full time for Planning staff and Bylaw Enforcement. The largest debate at the Committees table has been over a request to hire a First Nations Specialist. This position would cost in the neighbourhood of \$84, 312 per year and would help the 13 Local Trust Committees create better working relationships with its 31 First Nations partners. The Financial Planning Committee voted to forward the budget to Trust Council but a minority of its members did not support the request of a First Nations Specialist, this minority included Jeanine Dodds. Ultimately the decision will be made by the entire Trust Council. Final decisions on the budget will occur at the March 2015 Trust Council meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to join with Brian in thanking David Maude for his participation in the past election, without interested candidates we all operate in a vacuum.

Thank you to our Island community for your support in re-electing Brian and I, as always we welcome questions and comments as we move forward in the next four years.

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