

# TRUSTEES' REPORT

News and Updates

December 2014

## GABRIOLA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST AREA



Islands Trust



### Heather Nicholas

I would also like to express my gratitude for the confidence this community has placed in me, and for the opportunity I've been given to serve my fellow islanders. I am completely committed to proving my self worthy of your trust.

As well as starting to settle into our new positions, December was our first introduction to Trust Council. Melanie and I travelled to Victoria where we were sworn in. We then spent 3 days immersed in orientation, learning

I want to begin this inaugural newsletter by expressing my deepest gratitude for being entrusted with the role of your Local Islands Trustee. I will work hard to live up this honour over the next four years.

We were sworn into our positions on December 2nd in Victoria and I was glad to have my mother and daughter there to witness the event. This was followed by three days of Islands Trustee

the ins and outs of our new responsibilities and connecting with the representatives of all the other Trust Areas. Sitting at Trust Council table was inspiring, invigorating and challenging, and afterwards I felt that I was able to bring a great deal of positive energy home to Gabriola. We were also privileged to witness the outpouring of respect and admiration for outgoing Chair Sheila Malcolmson, who has done our island proud.

Looking forward to a great 2015!

### Melanie Mamoser

orientation and my first Islands Trust Council meeting where we elected a new executive. I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet the other elected Trustees from the other islands. It reminded me how much we have in common and why we benefit from being a federation of islands.

I want to finish by wishing you all a warm, joyful and restorative holidays and look forward to serving you in the New Year.



### Your Islands Trust

The Islands Trust is a federation of local governments, responsible for preserving and protecting the unique amenities and environment of B.C.'s beautiful Gulf Islands. Together with Chair Laura Busheikin from Denman Island, locally elected Island Trustees form the Local Trust Committee which is responsible for land use decisions in the Gabriola Local Trust Area. We depend on broad public input, so please take the time to connect with us and help us shape the future of Gabriola, Mudge and the surrounding islands.

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## Highlights

A new Executive Committee has been elected for the Islands Trust. Congratulations to Trust Council Chair Peter Luckham (Thetis), and to Vice-Chairs Laura Busheikin (Denman), George Grams (Salt Spring), and Susan Morrison (Lasqueti).

Recommendations have been made for appointments to Trust Council Advisory Committees., subject to ratification by Trust Council in March. Locally, Heather Nicholas has been recommended for appointment to the Trust Programs Committee and Melanie Mamoser has been recommended to the Local Planning Committee.

Curious about local bylaw enforcement? A bylaw enforcement overview for the Islands Trust was presented at the Trust Council Meeting. There are 43 active files for Gabriola Local Trust Area, of which the majority are for Short Term Vacation Rentals and unlawful dwellings. Most of these files have been open for less than 5 years. For details see the [Islands Trust Council Decision and Information Items Agenda Package](#) (pp 21-26).

The 2015/2016 proposed Islands Trust budget will be open to public comment in January and February prior to its presentation for adoption at the next Trust Council meeting March 10-12. The Islands Trust budget for 2014/15 can be found in the [Islands Trust Council Decision and Information Items Agenda Package](#) (pp 64-65).

The Islands Trust's representative for the Parks Canada Park Advisory Board for the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve, will be Trustee Derek Masselink of North Pender Island.

The next Trust Council meeting will be on Gabriola Island! This is a great opportunity to meet the executive committee, sit in on a session and bring issues forward to the Trust Council. See below for details.

**All meetings are open to the public. Please join us.**

**Agenda packages are available at the local Islands Trust office and online.**

## Upcoming Events

**Gabriola Island LTC Meeting**, January 22, 2015, 10:15 a.m.,  
Gabriola Women's Institute Hall, 476 South Road  
Town Hall at noon

**Gabriola Island LTC Meeting**, February 26, 2015, 10:15 a.m.,  
Gabriola Women's Institute Hall, 476 South Road  
Town Hall at noon

**Trust Council Meeting**, March 10-12 2015,  
The Haven Resort, Gabriola Island

**Gabriola Island LTC Meeting**, April 2, 2015, 10:15 a.m.,  
Gabriola Women's Institute Hall, 476 South Road  
Town Hall at noon

## Useful Links

[MapIT](#)—explore zoning, watersheds, sensitive ecosystems and more

[Gabriola LTC](#)—the home page for our Local Trust Committee, with calendars, contact info, Trustee Corner and more

[Meeting Calendar for Gabriola LTC](#)—find meeting dates, agendas and minutes

[Trust Council Calendar](#)—learn about what's happening with Trust Council, the Executive Committee and the Advisory Committees

[Islands Trust Fund](#)—everything you need to know about the conservation land trust dedicated to preserving and protecting islands in the Salish Sea

[NAPTEP](#)—lower your property taxes with the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program