

TRUSTEES' REPORT

News and Updates

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GABRIOLA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST AREA



Islands Trust



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It's been a busy few months for your Trustees! We'd like to share a brief rundown of what we've both been up to.

The biggest event this past month was hosting Trust Council on Gabriola. It was a privilege to join Trustees from all over the Salish Sea here on our wonderful island. Sitting at the Council table continues to be an inspiration, and a reminder to each of us that the great value of the of the Trust is the way it strengthens us all by giving us the ability to work together toward our common goals. Special thanks go to our community presenters Susan Yates and Fay Weller who engaged the Trustees with a terrific rundown on GERTIE, and Deb Ferens and Judith Roux who shared the fascinating story of The Commons. Great appreciation also goes to Naomi Beth Wakan, who moved and entertained us with her poetry. I doubt that it's very often that a poem has actually been written about a branch of government—kudos to Naomi for her ode to the Trust!

We also had the opportunity to meet with the Ministry of Transportation last month to discuss the bridge feasibility study. Trust Chair Peter Luckham and a

number of Islands Trust and MOTI staff also attended. At the meeting, MOTI characterized the study as primarily an information gathering exercise meant to inform discussion. For our part, we articulated the position of the Islands Trust, expressed a strong hope that we would be more included in the process going forward, and did our best to actively represent the concerns of the community.

Last month we also both had our first opportunities to meet with our respective Committees—look to hear more about what's evolving with Trust Programs and the Local Planning Committee in the coming months. We also had a table at the Food Forum at the Community Hall and, continuing in the food security vein, we attended the Forum on Food a couple of weeks later at the Haven. Heather was also pleased to participate in the second Village Visioning exercise, and to represent the Local Trust Committee at the inaugural gathering of the new Ferry Advisory Committee.

We'll be back next month with more news and events. And as always, we'd love to hear your questions, comments and ideas.

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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Nominations

We need your help!

The Island Trust Council's Community Stewardship Awards program is open for nominations. Visit the Islands Trust website or click [here](#) to find out more about how to nominate a group, business or individual who goes above and beyond in protecting our ecosystem and/or enhancing island communities.

Past Gabriola winners have included Chris and Judith Plant of New Society Publishers and the Gabriola Island Health Care Foundation.

Gabriola has so many amazing people and organizations who further the preserve and protect mandate of the Trust. Who would you like to see recognized? Please spread the word and consider making a nomination today!

Deadline for nominations is April 15, 2015.

Community Stewardship Awards

2015 Nominations Open



Preserve, Protect, THANK!

Do you want to thank a person, group, school or business who is helping make your island a better place? Nominate them by APRIL 15.

Learn more at islandtrust.bc.ca/csa or call 250-405-5164 or e-mail csa@islandtrust.bc.ca



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

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

Upcoming Events

Gabriola Island LTC Meeting, April 2, 2015, 10:15 a.m.,
Gabriola Women's Institute Hall, 476 South Road
**Public Hearing on proposed Bylaw Nos. 278 and 279 at 11 am
(These bylaws address a number of minor issues and inconsistencies in the OCP and LUB—click [here](#) for details.)
Town Hall at noon

Gabriola Island LTC Meeting, May 7, 2015, 10:15 a.m.,
Gabriola Women's Institute Hall, 476 South Road
Town Hall at noon

Gabriola Island LTC Meeting, June 11, 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