

TRUSTEES' REPORT

News and Updates

Summer 2015

GABRIOLA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST AREA



Islands Trust



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We'd like to start off this newsletter with a hearty congratulations to our amazing winners of the Island Stewardship Awards. We're thrilled to recognize Island Futures Society for their efforts with GERTIE, Susan Yates for contributing to literary arts and environmental stewardship for 30 years, and Leigh Ann Milman for leading land protection for 20 years. We'd also like to acknowledge the other fabulous local nominees: Watercliff Farm, GROWLS, and GaLTT. Gabriolans put forward a record number of groups and individuals—so great to see local pride in action!

The past couple of months have been busy for both your Trustees. Trust Council was held on Galiano Island near the end of June. Strategic Planning was a big focus of this Council (see the next page for how you can participate). In addition, both of us attended a wide range of local meetings and events, including such celebrations as the opening of the Island Roots exhibit at our museum, an opportunity to meet the Lieutenant Governor of B.C. while honoring the inimitable Gail Lund and the Gabriola Island Singers, and of course the legendary Mudge Island Community Breakfast—melt-in-your-mouth

blueberry pancakes, coffee to put hair on your chest, and the welcome company of friendly neighbours.

Under the heading of more serious pursuits, Melanie participated in a Local Planning Committee meeting and Islands Trust training for committee chairs, engaged with the community around housing issues at the third Village Visioning meeting and dove right in to Ocean's Day festivities at the campground. Heather attended a quarterly Trust Programs Committee, a Gabriola Ratepayers-sponsored meeting with MOTI, an FAC meeting with BC Ferries, a local Emergency Preparedness meeting and an SOS-sponsored meeting to address the proposed deep water anchorages off Gabriola's NE shoreline.

We'd like to close with a heart felt thank you to Courtney Simpson, our steadfast Regional Planning Manager who bid us adieu last month. We're also grateful to the immensely capable Aleksandra Brzozowski for stepping into the breach with such grace.

As always, we'd love to hear your questions, comments and ideas. Until next time!

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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Strategic Planning

We need your help!

Trust Council is consulting the public about its [draft plan for the 2014-2018 term](#), and will consider it for approval in September 2015 based on the comments we receive before then.

There are a wealth of possibilities for you to consider—from protecting our natural environment to enhancing socio-economic diversity and economic sustainability to improving our organizational cost effectiveness and developing a vision statement for the Islands Trust. Please consider taking the time to review the issues and tell us where you think it is most important for us to focus our energies.

For details on how to provide your feedback visit this [page](#). Need more information? Contact either of your Trustees, or call the office for more details.

Deadline for feedback is August 10, 2015.



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, July 23 2015, 10:15 a.m.,
Sea Fern Community Park, Mudge Island
Town Hall 10:15 a.m. / 2 p.m.

Gabriola Island LTC Meeting, Sept. 10, 2015, 10:15 a.m.,
Gabriola Arts Council Hall, 476 South Road

Trust Council Meeting, Sept.5-17, 2015,
Bowen Island.

Gabriola Island LTC Meeting, Oct. 22, 2015, 10:15 a.m.,
Gabriola Arts Council Hall, 476 South Road

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