

The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee met on May 25th, as our Chairman George Grams, was unable to attend, Jeanine Dodds chaired this meeting. Rob Underhill presented a summary was on the Conservancy's recent study of amphibians and frogs on Mayne Island. Some 80 manmade ponds were viewed as well as a number of wetlands. Most of the historic wetlands have been drained to allow for farming activities. The four species found here are the Chorus Frogs or Tree Frogs, Red legged Frogs are making a comeback, the Newt and Salamander. Landowners should seek advice when creating ponds as the design can enhance aquatic life. More detailed information can be found on the Mayne Island Conservancy's web site.

The major items discussed were ongoing concerns over potential oil spills within our area, particularly in view of the anchorages in Plumper Sound. This issue will be sent to the Trust Council Executive for discussion. Your local Trustees would like to see a fact sheet for our area outlining procedures for a spill and how response occurs in light of the recent situation in Vancouver Harbour.

Locally our work program is looking at Short Term Vacation Rentals for possible regulations, and the Commercial Land Use Task Force recommendations as long term planning projects.

As well we will be drafting a letter about the STVR's for all water districts to share with their members. STVR's are not permitted on Mayne Island although; we currently have one operating with a Temporary Use Permit which is an option that landowners can apply for in order to operate.

The Trust Committee next meets on June 29 as well as attending Trust Council on Galiano Island, June 23 through 25th.

Remember we have very dry conditions now so take care to prevent fires and preserve our limited water resources, but of course be sure to enjoy the abundance of fresh food and opportunities to be outdoors and on the water.

I also want to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee, to say farewell to yet another Mayne Islander. Don Slinn was always actively involved with Trust matters over the years. In particular he led the battle with Canada Post to recover the "Island" in our address. Without his persistence this matter may have never come to a resolution. So long Don, we will always remember you as an involved community member and you will be very much missed at our Trust meetings.

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