

**JULY/AUGUST**

**MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER**

By Trustee Jeanine Dodds

The Mayne Island Trust Committee held a regular business meeting on July 27th. Disappointingly, the Stewardship award plaques were not ready for presentation, so we have had to delay this ceremony until September. The Mayne Island Agricultural Society, and Michael Dunn are recipients for this year. The awards are decided on by the entire Trust Council at their regular meeting in June. We expect to be able to make this presentation Wednesday September 30th at 2:30 pm at the Agricultural Hall, everyone is welcome and we will serve refreshments. This is an honour for Mayne Island to received two awards from Islands Trust Council within a single year and is an example of our dedicated volunteer citizens.

Our current work program was reviewed and timelines were laid out by our Planner, Gary Richardson. We are reviewing density on large remainder lots that have been left over from subdivisions, also guidelines for short term rentals and a review of our Commercial Land Use Zoning and potential build out within properties currently zoned for commercial use. As well, we will be sending out a questionnaire to all property owners asking a variety of questions in order to solicit input from the community on our current work program and possible future programs. With summer holidays upon us it is not expected that these projects will get underway until the fall.

We have also received a rezoning application from the CRD for a proposed community dock in Horton Bay at the end of Anson Road. The CRD already holds a foreshore lease for the waterfront portion of the proposed dock. This application will be posted on our September meeting agenda.

In the meantime, you will be reading this in September and I am sure we have all enjoyed our sunny, though dry, summer. It is this time of year when the island and its residents will be starting to settle back into a more leisurely autumn routine as many folks return to school and work.

On a personal note I was one of the runner up winners to name the three new ferries being built by BC Ferries. Two of these ferries will serve the Southern Islands starting in 2017. My suggested class name was Salish and my winning name was Orca. No single entrant picked the three chosen names, Salish Orca, Salish Eagle and Salish Raven. As a runner up I received some ferry travel tickets and meal vouchers which were very welcomed but mostly I am proud to have been a participant in this naming process and perhaps someday the Salish Orca will move to our southern Salish Sea waters.

Remember our meeting is changed to Wednesday September 30th 1pm and award presentations at 2:30 pm, everyone welcome.

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