

Trustee Report August 2015

June 23 -25th Trust Council, Galiano. Highlights for me were:

- Meeting with BC Ferries CEO Mike Corrigan. He agreed to review the policy about supporting a chaperone on the Stormaway for young children going to school. Will follow up.
- Full-some discussions about how to move forward on a Trust-wide strategic plan that can accommodate the variety of community issues each island faces, is ambitious and forward- thinking, yet realistic.
- Discussing common issues with San Juan County Counsellors. Growth in BC's marine shipping has a huge impact on our island counterparts in Washington.
- Visit to the Galiano Conservancy Association's Learning Centre on District Lot 57 at 75 ha property that is being restored. There is also a donated building on site that is used for educational activities.

July 6 – Phone conference with Network BC, GRIP, Area F Director and community members about increasing internet connectivity on Gambier. There seems to be lots of opportunities for funding sources but a clear solution in our mountainous and heavily treed terrain continues to be the challenge.

July 16 – Accompanied Islands Trust staff and SCRDP parks staff on a visit to possible future sub-division amenity at Gambier Acres.

July 18 Gambier Island Community Association AGM and Parks/Trails “conversation”

- Supported the Gambier Island Community Association Parks and Trails sub-committee in its efforts to get feedback on proposed trails on the South West peninsula. Community connectivity through trails is advocated in the Official Community Plan but has to be done carefully to respect landowner's privacy. Details from the discussion session should be available soon.

July 20 Trust Fund Board

The Board signed off on a conservation covenant on North Pender Island and support fund raising efforts for a property (Ladyslipper Forest on Thetis). Discussions on how to incorporate the work of the Conservation Strategy of the Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership, of which the Trust Fund Board and the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee are signatories, into local island conservation strategies.