

Trustee Stamford Report June

May 12 – Trust Fund Board – Attended a joint Trust Fund Board meeting with the Islands Trust Executive Committee. The Trust Fund has been advocating for a long time to change it's name as it is often confused with a bank (tourists to the islands have been known to call up looking for the nearest bank machine). The Executive Committee and the Trust Fund Board Chair, Tony Law, met with representatives from the Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development to ask yet again that a name change be passed through legislature (as the Trust Fund is a provincial organization). This is a simple request that would enable this great organization to apply for more grants for island conservation yet seems to be destined to sit at the bottom of the legislative priority list.

June 1 – Public Wharves Advisory Committee. This committee now has a good compliment of representatives from most areas of the Local Trust Area. We recently welcomed Russ Spencer from North Thormanby who represents Vaucroft dock. The wharves and docks are a critical component of the islands relationship with SCRD and for a full background on the history I have included a link to a SCRD staff report [Special Report on Wharves in SCRD](#)

June 9 – Toured the SW Peninsula parks and trails with SCRD staff and local contractor. Walked Heron Trail and the Grassy Trail at Avalon Bay to go over maintenance and projects recommended by the GICA parks sub-committee.

June 13 – Met with the Gambier Island Community Association Parks sub-committee to discuss upcoming public parks meeting on July 18th – details to follow from GICA.

June 15 – Visit to Sea Ranch – Trustee Rogers, SCRD Area F Director Ian Winn and myself toured the Sea Ranch community at the head of Long Bay on Gambier Island. Sea Ranch resident Peter Buckland showed us the highlights of this wonderful example of a cluster development including their lovely new community pavilion. We also walked the public trails towards Lost Lake and Brigade Bay that are part of the amenity agreement the Ranch has with Islands Trust and supported by the regional district.

These of course are just the meetings I participated in but I also field numerous emails and calls from constituents around a variety of issues from bylaw questions, wildlife sightings and emergency situations. In May I also helped craft a notice to landowners with SCRD Director Winn about property tax increases on the premise that people respond better when they have some background and assurances that local representatives are looking for solutions to these complex problems.