

Gambier Island Trust Area - Trustee Report – Dan Rogers – October 30th, 2015

October was a busy month and November is looking even busier in this area. Here are some highlights of Trustee activities since the last Local Trust Committee meeting on October 1, 2015.

- 1) **WLNG** – As you may have read, the province granted an Environmental Certificate for the proposed Woodfibre LNG project. All of the documents including the Environmental Assessment Report can be found on line at http://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic_project_doc_list_408_a_waa.html
It is noteworthy that almost all local governments around Howe Sound, including Islands Trust, opposed the project as did many citizens. The Squamish Nation has issued its own environmental certificate which is more conditional than the one from the province. Information on the position of the Squamish can be found at <http://www.squamish.net/>
- 2) **Howe Sound Forum** - On October 16th, I attended the Howe Sound Forum along with Kate Louise Stamford and the Trust Chair, Peter Luckham. We talked a lot about the multitude of non-industrial development proposals in Howe Sound including the George in Gibsons (which was recently approved by Council), a big residential proposal in Britannia and a very large development proposal on the Squamish Waterfront. What everyone agreed on is that while each individual proposal has been thought out, the lack of an overall plan for Howe Sound including impacts on traffic, water quality, air quality etc. from all of these proposals is very problematic.
- 3) **BC Ferries** - While not strictly a Trustee issue, there is an interesting article in the current Coast Reporter about BC Ferries taking the position that it would no longer discuss ferry cutbacks or fare equity at Ferry Advisory Committee meetings. Have a read. <http://www.coastreporter.net/news/local-news/bc-ferries-won-t-talk-fare-equity-restored-sailings-1.2098973>
- 4) **Next Local Trust Committee Meeting** – Our next meeting will be held at Glen Eagles Community Centre on November 19th at 10:30 AM. We will be discussing proposed Riparian Area Regulations for Keats, Bowyer and Anvil Islands. On November 12th, you will be able to find the Agenda and materials at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/gambier/meeting-calendar-agendas-minutes/>