

## **Mayne Island LTC Report**

At our last meeting in March, the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee gave first reading to the CRD application for a new community dock at Anson Road in Horton Bay. As requested, Planner Richardson created a Development Permit for the immediate area to include: protection for the “long term physical integrity & ecological values,” and to “maintain public access without compromising the ecological integrity.” This has now been sent on to the Advisory Planning Commission for their comments.

An application from the Mayne Inn Resort for a rezone of one of their buildings to allow limited retail sales has also been sent to the planner for comment and recommendations. And a third application has been received for a Temporary Use Permit to allow a studio to continue as a B&B. The MI LTC also gave the forth and final reading to adopt the Bylaw Enforcement Notice Bylaw (BEN). More than half the islands in the Islands Trust Area and many municipalities have adopted this program.

Jeanine and I both attended the March Trust Council meeting on Hornby Island. This was our first opportunity to work with our new Chief Administrative Officer, Russ Hotsenpiller, who filled his new role very well with vision, tact and respect. The big item this time was the final approval of this year's budget at \$7.29M. Slightly larger than last time, the budget reflects the incremental cost of living and the increasing demand for more services and advocacy, especially on marine issues. There will be no increase to property taxes and the additional costs will be covered by drawing from the accumulated surplus.

The main guest speaker this time was Naas?aluk, (Chief John Rampanen) from Alberni speaking to the question of cultural bridge building. Naas?aluk spoke eloquently about the traditional and settlement cultural changes as a means of finding a common ground for respect and dialogue. Please contact either Jeanine or myself if you would like a copy of this presentation.

Quite a number of people in the community have voiced concern about the loss of affordable housing on Mayne Island. This serious issue has affected most islands and many mainland communities also. We have very few tools available at the LTC level to directly address this question as we are not allowed to own or develop land for housing in the same way that larger cities and municipalities do. There is a very small option but that would imply increased local taxes. The Islands Trust Executive and staff have organized a one day housing forum for trustees on 13<sup>th</sup> June so some new options may be available.

We hope you are all enjoying our great spring weather.  
The next MI LTC meeting will start at 1:00pm Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the Agricultural Hall.

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