



Islands Trust

## **Your Island Trustees' Report**

Alex Allen and Tony Law

### **Learn About Our New OCP and Bylaw – May 24<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a special opportunity to become familiar with the provisions of our new updated Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw. Actually, there will be two opportunities: in both the afternoon and evening at the Community Hall on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. In the afternoon, there will be an Open House from 2:30 pm followed by a presentation and Q&A at 3:00 pm. In the evening, the Open House will begin at 7:00 pm with the presentation and Q&A starting at 7:30pm.

Over the last few years, our Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw have undergone a targeted review based on your input and involving the scrutiny of the Advisory Planning Commission. The targeted topics were “Housing” and “Economic Opportunities.” At the same time, new provisions were included to meet the provincial government’s requirement for regulations to protect riparian areas. The review was also an opportunity to update other policies and regulations.

Housing has a whole new section in our Official Community Plan. This includes allowing a secondary suite on larger lots in accordance with the new land use regulations. It also enables a secondary cottage (to provide affordable housing or accommodation for a caregiver) through a Temporary Use Permit. Rural lots with two dwellings can now be generally subdivided.

Economic opportunities include provision for a wider range of home occupations and a new policy to provide guidance in considering expansion of commercial zoning. An increased range of non-farm uses are now allowed on agricultural lots and commercial opportunities have been identified in the community service area.

Riparian Area Regulations have been adopted to address development on land adjacent to watercourses that can support fish habitat.

If this outlined information is raising questions for you, well that’s a good reason to come to one of the sessions on May 24<sup>th</sup>!

**Next Local Trust Committee Meeting: June 10, Room to Grow, 11:30 am.**

**Trustee Alex Allen: [aallen@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:aallen@islandstrust.bc.ca) 250-335-1129**

**Trustee Tony Law: [tlaw@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:tlaw@islandstrust.bc.ca) 250-335-1155**

**Chair Laura Bushiekin: [lbushiekin@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:lbushiekin@islandstrust.bc.ca) 250-218-3216**

**Island Planner Rob Milne: [rmilne@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:rmilne@islandstrust.bc.ca) toll free at 1-800-663-7867**

**Email the Local Trust Committee at: [northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca)**

**Islands Trust website: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/>**

**Meeting notification service: <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/meetingnotify.cfm>**