

The Local Trust committee met on February 22. The following items were discussed; Proposed bylaws for Short term Vacation rentals received first reading and will go to a Public Hearing on April 25th, 1 pm at the Agricultural Hall. The Anson road rezoning application for a community dock was discussed in depth. A report on environmental impacts was received from the CRD. The local Trust Committee is requesting a Development Permit be required to ensure that all environmental requirements are met. This permit will be on the agenda for March 22 and can be viewed on the Trust web site. As well the Bylaw Enforcement Notification Bylaw was given final reading and will be adopted at the meeting in March. Considerable discussion on this form of assessing fines for bylaw infractions has received considerable discussion since 2012 and recently our Bylaw office suggested that with compliance agreements being completed there would be on monetary fines issued. With this change in the proposed BEN Bylaw and in view of support from the Advisory Planning Commission the bylaw will by now have been adopted.

Other discussions were an update on our request for improvements to Georgina Point Road. There are a large number of attenuators to mark the eroding shoulders which are appreciated but further work on the metal barriers with rotting posts needs to be done. The Ministry of Transport has done a number of engineering studies on this road which do not predict a collapse in the near future.

The Fallow Deer issue continues to be under discussion. A great deal of work has been done by the Education Committee this year and they have a web site under construction. The six permitted hunters had a productive year in 2015 but unfortunately we still have a significant population of Fallow Deer.

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