

The Local Trust Committee met September 12 for its regular business meeting. Bylaw 167, guidelines for allowing Short term Vacation Rentals under Temporary Use Permits will go to another community information meeting. This bylaw was of great concern to community members. The information meeting will be in November, most likely November 28th. Currently Short Term Vacation Rentals are not a permitted use but within our Official Community Plan any non-permitted use can be enable by the issuance of a TUP. The Trust Committee has received three applications to operate STVR's under the existing regulations via a TUP. To date only one of these applications has received a permit to operate an STVR. In order to better understand this issue a face to face discussion is a better form of communication than this Trust report can offer. If you have questions ask Brian or myself any time or attend the November 27th meeting.

Meanwhile Bylaws 165, 166, 168 and 169 which dealt with the Anson Road rezoning and the outright permitting of STVR's as a home occupation in legal cottages, are currently waiting on approval from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

On another topic the Trust Committee has heard concerns by email and in person, about the development of Cotton Park. Our Planner Gary Richardson is currently in discussion with CRD staff who are responsible for this Park. Presently our Land Use Bylaws allow for a passive park in any zone. The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee is seeking legal clarification on the definition of a Passive Park. The concern at the Trust Committee level is that any property that becomes donated Park Land should also carry appropriate zoning for its use, preferably prior to development at that property. Development at Cotton Park has superseded discussion or clarification about what is permitted in the current zoning. We welcome more information from the CRD and ultimately conversations with the Parks Commission who manage the parks on our behalf

Islands Trust Council which is comprised of 26 Trustees elected from 13 local Trust areas, met in Sidney September 13 - 15. The highlights of this meeting were a one day Visioning session for Trustees. Currently the Islands Trust is governed by the Islands Trust Act and the Islands Trust Policy Statement. It is a desire of the Council to include a vision statement as we move on into our collective future. I have posted a photo of an illustration of key points in the vision on Mayne Island Info Facebook page. Key themes around a potential vision were linked to built environments living in conjunction with the natural environment and linking more consultation with the 13 First Nations who historically are a presence in these Islands we call home. For more details once more please contact Brian or myself.

Trust Council meets quarterly throughout the Trust area and next meets on SaltSpring Island in December.

The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will next meet November 7th, 1pm at the Agricultural Hall.

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