

Daniel Rogers – Trustee Report – October 2016

Last weekend was thanksgiving and I had planned to travel by boat to visit two “water access only” communities on Gambier with my co-Trustee Kate-Louise. It’s a reminder that summer is over that I had to abandon those plans at 7:30 AM Saturday AM when I realized it was blowing 30 knots at Halkett Point, exactly where I needed to go ... and it was building. I lose track of the days passing but the fall/winter storm season is here.

It has been a busy 2 ½ months since I last issued a report although I did manage a couple of weeks away in August. Here are some of the issues I’ve been working on:

- a) On Keats Island, the owners of the land surrounding Keats Landing (the Baptist Convention) has applied again for a subdivision of the lands that have been occupied by “leaseholders” for decades. This idea has been around for many years and there is now a specific application for subdivision that, if successful, would see the 117 (or so) occupants who currently are leaseholders become owners of a piece of property. This is a complex application and it was introduced to the Local Trust Committee at its regular meeting on Keats on July 28<sup>th</sup> and will come on again at the Trust Committee meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Gleneagles community Centre. If you are interested in the details of the proposal please have a look starting at page 52 of our Agenda Package which can be found here. <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/gambier/meeting-calendar-agendas-minutes/>
- b) The August long weekend was a busy one and I managed to attend the Gambier Family Fair, the Keats Island Fire Equipment Group fundraising barbecue and the barbecue on Melody Point (Keats Island). All these community events are a great reflection of the community spirit that builds on the islands.
- c) On August 19<sup>th</sup>, I presented to the Ministerial Panel that was reviewing the Kinder Morgan NEB ruling in North Vancouver. As an individual Trustee, I opposed the Kinder Morgan Transmountain Pipeline proposal as being contrary to the environmental health of the Salish Sea and Howe Sound. My submission can be found here. <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/gambier/local-trustee-corner/>
- d) On August 25<sup>th</sup>, the Gambier Local Trust Committee held a regular meeting on Gambier where, amongst other things, we approved the Riparian Area Bylaws for Gambier Island. Please note the Riparian Area Bylaws for Keats, Anvil, Bowyer and Thormanby Islands are on our agenda for October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- e) From September 13 to 15<sup>th</sup> I attended Trust Council in Sidney B.C. A summary of the work we did including a visioning process can be found here. [http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/341281/september-2016-council-decision-highlights1.pdf?utm\\_source=MailingList&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=September+2016+Council+Highlights](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/341281/september-2016-council-decision-highlights1.pdf?utm_source=MailingList&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=September+2016+Council+Highlights)
- f) On September 26<sup>th</sup>, Kate-Louise Stamford and I met with the project manager for the Burnco gravel proposal for McNab Creek. I learned quite a bit from the session. I remain opposed to the project and the Local Trust Committee passed a motion to send the attached letter to the Environmental Assessment Office.

g) On October 1<sup>st</sup>, I attended, along with approximately 60 other people from both Gambier and Keats, at the New Brighton community hall with representatives of BC Ferries to discuss the plans for January 19<sup>th</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 when the Stormaway float will not be available for landing and thus all routes to Keats and Gambier will depart from Gibsons Marina. Many issues were talked out and I think most users have a better idea of what to expect for those 11 months. The final schedule should be available soon.

And finally a reminder that our next Local Trust Committee meeting is October 13<sup>th</sup> at Gleneagles Community Centre in West Vancouver at 10:45 AM. All are welcome. The Agenda is set out at the link in paragraph a) above.

All the best

Dan Rogers