

October 2016 Trustee Stamford Report

McNab Creek Gravel Mine Proposal – The Environmental Assessment Comment period has closed and as a volunteer on the working committee for the Canadian EA office I've really appreciated all the comments forwarded to me from islanders. I used the specific comments to reference sections of the application to the EA office. The Local Trust Committee provided input into the process – here is the link to the letter –

[Burnco Application LTC letter](#)

As well as the Local Trust Committee, the Islands Trust Council representing all the islands provided comment into the process.

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/341239/environmentalassessmentoffice-burnco.pdf>

In terms of time this proposal continues to be significant as I've attended several meetings on the Sunshine Coast and with the Burnco proponents. Next week there will be two days of Working Committee meetings as well as a day-long site visit.

Advisory Planning Commission – The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee is pleased to announce that the following people have volunteered to sit on the Gambier Island Advisory Planning Commission for the specific purpose of examining aspects of the Official Community Plan under review.

Barney Taylor – New Brighton

Camilla Berry – Gambier Harbour

Boris Gorgitza – West Bay

Ruth Simons – Brigade Bay

Peter Scholefield – Gambier Estates

Sept 13-15 Trust Council Sidney BC – please see link [Sept 2016 Trust Council Highlights](#)

October 8 **Official Community Plan** discussion – Trustee Rogers and myself planned OCP discussion meetings at Sea Ranch as well as Brigade Bay. We cancelled the trip due to poor weather but I did manage to phone into the Brigade Bay meeting where 17 members of the community brought up various priorities/questions and concerns regarding possible uses within the Wilderness Recreation area. Thank you to Peter Buckland of the Sea Ranch and Ruth Simons of Brigade Bay for organizing their communities. We will work on getting to various communities around Gambier in the spring and hope to bring members of the APC with us to discuss the OCP.

If you are interested in looking at the OCP and the consultation tools (including the results of the survey) please go to: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/gambier/projects-initiatives/gambier-official-community-plan-review/>

Roads – I received this update last week from Tyler Lambert of Capilano Highway Services: Fall grading of all the roads will begin as soon as the barge for the grader can be organized.

SCRD Parks and Trails Survey for the South West Peninsula – staff report to the Planning and Community Development Committee.

The report can be accessed here:

<http://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Agendas/2016/2016-Oct-13%20PCD%20Agenda%20Package%20-%20PART%203%20-%20ANNEX%20K%20-%20R.pdf> .

A second report with regional district staff recommendations is forthcoming.

BC Ferries meeting re spring closure of Berth 1 at Langdale - here are some notes I took from the meeting on October 1st

ATTENDING:

BC Ferries Staff: Darin Guenette, Manager, Public Affairs
 (darin.guenette@bcferries.com)
 Captain Lance Lomax (Marine Superintendent for both routes out of
 Langdale),
 - Chris Morris (Terminal Operations Superintendent for the region),
 - Maureen Darragh (Terminal Manager for Langdale)

Bruce Kerr, Kona Winds Charters (Stormaway)

Ferry Advisory Committee Route 13 - Rick Gator, Joseph Wright, Joyce Clegg

Approximately 75 members of the public includingt least 20 people from Keats

Mr Guenette outlined that plans are still somewhat in flux and BC Ferries staff and Stormaway crew were looking for input

Berth 1, the Stormaway berth, and the Langdale float (public boat access) will be closed from January 19 2017- April 6, 2017

The Stormaway is going to dock at Gibsons Harbour – Far side at the new market location. Other docks were considered including Hopkins but they are too exposed to be appropriate for regular moorage.

The current plan is to dock at float “A”, the furthest from the parking lot. The walk to the parking lot is approximately the same as the current route to the Langdale parking lot. There is a lot of concern about the narrow “bouncy” float at the marina and how it will be maintained in winter conditions. Further work needs to be done to rectify this problem especially for full-time residents who are unsteady on their feet. At this point weekenders with mobility difficulties should consider that accessibility will be problematic for this period.

There is free parking available to all islanders at the Gibsons Marina – 100 spaces in total

There is a bus stop at the marina for transport to other parts of Gibsons and the Sunshine Coast.

The area that is the most “hazy” is how to get walkers to and from the Langdale/Horseshoe Bay Ferry to the Stormaway. Currently the idea is to have **free standby shuttle service** between Langdale and Gibsons Marina for Fri – Sun and call ahead service for other times. The vehicle must be able to take heavy totes and various pets. Stay tuned for more information on this as we get closer to the new year.

Note that the Route 3 (Langdale/HSB) will be on an **hourly schedule** for most of the construction period so there will be more flexible options for walk-on passengers. Drivers will have to contend with lower carrying capacity of the ferries due to loading restrictions for lack of an upper ramp in Langdale at berth 2.

BC Ferries will be looking into the rules around rubber totes at the luggage deposit area. Islanders should be able to make use of this service now that their route will take them past the luggage pick-up/drop-off points in Langdale on their way to the shuttle service. The hope is that totes can be left at the central baggage point but the trollys themselves will have to stay with the ferry passenger.

For Gambier, the run to and from Gibsons will be approximately 20 min. Right now the proposed schedule is similar to what we are used to but with the first run leaving New Brighton at 7:25am and the last ferry coming in after 7:00pm some time. Note that there will be more stops on Keats on the way through simply because Keats Landing is now on the way. **THIS SCHEDULE IS NOT FINALIZED** – see final schedule in the new year.

Two trips per day minimum were re-instated to Eastbourne

Garbage – BC Ferries is working with the Gibsons marina to move the garbage bin to the new Stormaway berthing area

Please forward all questions/concerns to your Route 13 Ferry Advisory Committee co-chairs Joyce Clegg (jaclegg@primesignal.com), RickGator at 778-686-7704 or Bruce Kerr (owner of the Stormaway) at bruce@konawindscharters.com .

General Issues for further discussion included better security at the Langdale Parking lot and specific parking for islanders.

This was a well attended meeting and I would like to recommend that the Ferry Advisory Committee meet at least once a year either on Gambier or Keats and advertise for the public to attend