

LASQUETI ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

BYLAW NO. 86

**A BYLAW TO AMEND THE LASQUETI ISLAND OFFICIAL
COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW, 2005**

WHEREAS the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee is the Local Trust Committee having jurisdiction on and in respect of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area, pursuant to the Islands Trust Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Islands Trust Act* gives the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee the same power and authority of a Regional District under Part 26, except sections 932 to 937 and 939, of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee wishes to amend the Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2005;

AND WHEREAS the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee has held a Public Hearing;

NOW THEREFORE the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee enacts in open meeting assembled as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2005, Amendment No. 1, 2010."

2. SCHEDULES

Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2005 is amended as shown on Schedule A, attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

3. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by a decision of any Court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid provision must be severed from the Bylaw and the decision that such provision is invalid must not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the Bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME this	11 th	day of	March	, 2010.
PUBLIC HEARING HELD this	23 rd	day of	April	, 2010.
READ A SECOND TIME as amended this	6 th	day of	May	, 2010.
READ A THIRD TIME this	6 th	day of	May	, 2010.
APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS TRUST this	26 th	day of	May	, 2010.
APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT this	20 th	day of	July	, 2010.
ADOPTED this	2 nd	day of	September	, 2010.

SECRETARY

CHAIR

**LASQUETI ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
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SCHEDULE A**

1. "Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2005" is amended as follows:

- a. Immediately following **PART 3 – OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN Section 3.8**, a new **Section 3.9** will be inserted as follows:

“3.9 – Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

Climate change refers to the increasing concentration of heat-trapping greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere as the result of human activities— primarily the burning of fossil fuels and large-scale deforestation. A 2007 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reveals that between 1970 and 2004, GHG emissions have increased by 70%. This dramatic rise in atmospheric GHG concentrations has in turn triggered an increase in the average temperatures of near-surface air and ocean water, with temperatures projected to rise 1.1° to 6.4° C over the next century. Although seemingly slight, these temperature changes will have dramatic and negative impact on ecological systems around the globe.

In response to climate change issues, the provincial government gave Royal Assent to Bill 27 [*Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*] on May 29, 2008. Bill 27 amends the *Local Government Act* and other Provincial regulations to provide new tools for local governments. Most significantly, Bill 27 requires that all local governments include GHG emission reduction targets—and policies and actions to achieve those targets— in their Official Community Plans.

The Islands Trust Council identified Climate Change and the implementation of Bill 27 as the top strategic plan priority in 2009 and early 2010. The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee supported this direction, as did community members who attended a special community meeting on reducing GHG emissions in November 2009.

The following targets, policies and actions are proposed to ensure that the reduction of GHG emissions specifically and the impact of climate change in general become part of the planning process for Lasqueti Island.

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Objectives

Objective 1 *To promote the use of renewable energy and the development of renewable energy sources, and consider the impacts of climate change in all land use decisions; and*

Objective 2 *To maintain Lasqueti Island's lower than Canadian average rates of greenhouse gas emissions and seek out new means of further reducing greenhouse gas emissions through reduced fuel consumption and shifts to alternative forms of energy. While a detailed inventory is required to fully measure greenhouse gas emission rates on the Island, an aspirational target of maintaining Lasqueti Island's greenhouse gas emissions at or below 50% of the Canadian per capita average rate is set, to be verified in 2020 and 2050.*

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Policies

- Policy 1** The Local Trust Committee should consider the development of new criteria for assessing official community plan or zoning amendment applications from the perspective of climate change adaptation and mitigation. This criteria will address issues such as the impact of the density proposed on reducing GHG emissions, land use and the form of the development, use of building materials and construction methods, energy efficiency and sources, and the long term potential for the development to result in a decreased footprint on the landscape.
- Policy 2** The Local Trust Committee should support community efforts to record and measure the use of fossil fuels and GHG emissions through an annual inventory.
- Policy 3** The development of cycling and walking trails to permit non-automobile based forms of travel is strongly encouraged, separated from the road grade where possible.
- Policy 4** The community is encouraged to consider options to purchase lands to protect ecosystems and the character of Lasqueti Island.
- Policy 5** The Local Trust Committee should encourage local food production as a significant step to reducing food transportation costs and reducing GHG emissions created by food transport.
- Policy 6** The implementation of energy conserving buildings is strongly encouraged including the use of local materials and “small footprints”.
- Policy 7** The Local Trust Committee, government agencies, and Island residents are strongly encouraged to consider alternatives to slash burning.

Advocacy Policies

- Policy 8** Provincial agencies, when considering changes to infrastructure on the Islands, are strongly encouraged to take a “small footprint” approach to any proposals for public infrastructure development. The investigation of opportunities to share resources or develop common facilities is strongly encouraged.
- Policy 9** The Province is strongly encouraged to support water conservation, rainwater catchment, and a wider range of options for sewage treatment for dwelling units.
- Policy 10** The community is encouraged to build on the community inventory completed in 2009 by developing a method (provided at no charge to each household) for continuing the collection of data on an ongoing basis. The inventory could collect data both on fuel use and estimated GHG emissions, and also record actions that are being taken to reduce GHG emissions, such as the installation of energy efficient stoves, windows, or improved insulation.
- Policy 11** The implementation of fuel saving measures at public and community buildings should be investigated by a team of island residents, and new methods proposed to reduce GHG emissions through the use of alternative energy sources.
- Policy 12** Education is recognized as the most powerful tool in reducing energy use, and Islanders are strongly encouraged to share their knowledge and assist other levels of government, agencies and Lasqueti Islanders in meeting the goals of this Plan.