

## June- 2012 Pender Post

Meetings: On May 4th, the South Pender APC (Advisory Planning Commission) conducted a meeting to consider a current application for 4-lot bare land subdivision at 8970 Gowlland Point Road. To satisfy a parkland dedication triggered by this application, the owners have proposed the purchase and donation to the community of the Church of the Good Shepherd together with funding for necessary repairs and a trust fund for ongoing maintenance for approximately 10 years. The APC is tasked with teasing out the difficulties and unknowns of the proposal, hearing from stakeholders and the broader community, and finally making a recommendation to the LTC (Local Trust Committee). The decision of the LTC is expected at the June 19th meeting.

The May 4th meeting attendees included 14 community members, 4 members of the APC, with one in absentia who made a written submission, the recording secretary and one Trustee whose role was to observe the proceedings. The almost 4-hour meeting produced much more information on the history of the Church property, existing covenants, building condition and amenities, as well as questions on the process required to transfer ownership. After several attempts to reach a consensus, the APC was unable to agree on what recommendation to send to the LTC, and have scheduled a second meeting for June 1st at 10:15 AM at the South Pender Fire Hall.

Our next report will include the results of this process as well as the June 19th decision. We are grateful to the APC for their work, and to those in the community who have participated in a careful consideration of this proposal.

The quarterly meeting of the Trust Council is scheduled to take place on the Penders June 12 through 14. It will be held at the Community Hall, is open to the public as always, and includes a Town Hall session on June 13th at 1:30 PM. Details on the agenda are available at the Islands Trust website under the Highlights section of the home page.

A joint community meeting of North and South Pender LTC's is being planned to consider issues of interest to Pender Island as a whole. The agenda and schedule are being developed at this time. If you would like to bring forward any community issues to be looked at, please contact us.

A newsletter has just been sent out about the up coming Land Use Bylaws changes and the online survey. If you did not receive this newsletter, please contact us so you can be added to our mailing list.