

ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL BYLAW NO. 45

SCHEDULE "A"

PROTOCOL AGREEMENT

ON

FOREST LAND USES IN THE ISLANDS TRUST AREA

BETWEEN:

PROVINCIAL FOREST LAND COMMISSION

AND:

ISLANDS TRUST

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to Section 3 of the *Islands Trust Act*, the legislated object of the Islands Trust, is to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and the Province generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations, and the government of the Province;

Pursuant to Section 9(1) of the *Islands Trust Act*, for the purpose of carrying out the object of the Trust, the Islands Trust Council may, subject to the approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, enter into agreements with the Province and agents of the Province respecting the coordination of administrative activities within the Trust Area;

The ISLANDS TRUST, through the following corporate entities is responsible for:

Trust Council - making recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor in Council respecting the acquisition, use and disposition by the Crown in right of the Province of land situated within the Trust Area, establishing general policies to carry out the object of the Trust, ensuring proposed local planning activities comply with the Trust object and Policy Statement;

Trust Fund Board - acquiring and holding land in perpetuity to protect significant environmental sites and features; and

Local Trust Committees - providing local land use planning and regulation in accordance with the object of the Trust and responding to the concerns of island residents and property owners;

The Forest Land Commission (the Commission) has a legislated mandate to minimize the impact of urban development and rural area settlement on forest reserve land, and to protect a commercial forest land base for the growing and harvesting of trees and other forest values. The Commission administers applications under the Forest *Land Reserve Act* for removal, addition, subdivision and special use of land within the reserve. Forest Land Reserves form part of the unique amenities of the Trust Area.

Both the Commission and the Islands Trust share responsibility for the protection of the forest land base and the continuance of forestry activities in the Trust Area.

Both the Commission and the Islands Trust recognize that land use planning issues related to forestry uses are complex, often transcending political boundaries, and thus require coordinated responses from the parties;

AND WHEREAS:

Both parties recognize the need to clarify:

1. the Commission's responsibility for land within or proposed for the Forest Land Reserve in the Trust Area;
2. local trust committee responsibility for land use planning and regulations in the Trust Area; and
3. the Islands Trust's responsibility to preserve and protect unique amenities and the environment of the Islands Trust Area.

THEREFORE:

In order to enhance their respective abilities to achieve their mandates within the Trust Area in a manner which is respectful of each agency's jurisdiction, the Commission and the Islands Trust are committed to enter into an administrative Letter of Understanding between the Chief Officer of the Forest Land Commission and the Executive Director of the Islands Trust that will: 1. develop procedures to promote a consultative process on issues of common interest; 2. set out a process by which consultation will take place; and 3. identify those issues that should be the subject of consultation;

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Executive Director - Islands Trust
Chief Officer - Forest Land Commission

TERMS OF PROTOCOL

The parties may agree to amend or terminate this Protocol at any time.