

NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE REPORT

The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) met on September 23rd 2010 at the Pender Island Community Hall. Chair Peter Luckham and Local Trustees Gary Steeves and Derek Masselink were called to order at 10 AM. Island Planner Andrea Pickard and Recording Secretary Zorah Starr were also in attendance.

Following the approval of the agenda and a brief town hall session on agenda items, the Minutes of the July 29th LTC meeting were approved, while **Notes of the Community Information Meeting** and the **Record of the Public Hearing** of July 29th were received. Minutes of the June 7th, 2010 and the August 30th, 2010 APC meetings were also received.

Correspondence

Following a review of the Follow-up Action Report, five pieces of correspondence were received by the LTC. Three of these letters were correspondence opposing the application to expand the Otter Bay Marina.

Applications, Permits, Bylaws and Referrals

Three items were considered under this agenda item. First was the application to expand the Otter Bay Marina. As there were quite a few members of the public in attendance to address this issue, the LTC Chair permitted a brief Town Hall session so that members of the public could speak to the application.

Representatives of the Otter Bay applicants and members of the Local Trust Committee engaged in a lengthy question and answer exploration of the details of the application. It was moved and seconded to hold a Community Information Meeting be held to explore the strengths and weaknesses of the application. The motion failed as a majority of the LTC felt that it would be premature to hold a community information meeting before more information was available to share with the public.

A motion to proceed with the application and have the applicant provide the LTC with a variety of technical reports on the matter was adopted by the LTC. Further consideration of the application and a community information meeting could take place after the receipt of the required information.

The second application was for a Development Variance Permit on a Magic lake property. The permit was granted and staff was directed to issue the permit.

The third item under this agenda item concerned the completion of the Trust Fund Board's (TFB) Regional Conservation Plan. The LTC passed a motion to permit individual members of the LTC to submit their comments to staff of the TFB.

Local Trust Committee Projects

Three proposed by-laws to amend the Land Use By-law were considered by the LTC. By number, they are proposed by-laws 179, 180 and 181.

A Public Hearing for all three proposed by-laws was held on July 29th. Proposed By-law 179 was amended to remove zoning changes for a lot owned by the Capital Regional District on Buccaneers Road. Because of the amendments, the proposed by-law has been delayed in the legislative process. Proposed By-laws 180 and 181, however, were given second and third reading and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

The LTC also received a Staff Report on the provincially required Riparian Area Regulations. The Regulations were made pursuant to the Fish Protection Act and require all Local Governments in BC to enact protections prescribed by the provincial government. These Regulations have been in effect, enforced by the provincial Ministry of the Environment, since 2007.

Reports

A series of regular reports were received by the LTC including the Work Program Report, the Applications Report and the Expense/Budget Report.

Trustee Report

Trustee Steeves represented the Islands Trust at the 125th Anniversary Celebration of Parks Canada held at the Community Hall on Saturday October 16th 2010. Parks Canada Superintendent Wayne Bourque made a presentation recognizing the generous donations of Pender people. In particular, he paid tribute to the Davidson family. He called upon the family members in attendance to assist with the unveiling of granite plaques recognizing the contribution of the Florence and David Davidson to Parks Canada.

The beautiful granite plaques will be placed on Park property to recognize those who made important contributions to our community. The photos show the Davidson plaque and members of the Davidson family.

Future Meetings

Future LTC meetings will be held October 28th and November 25th. Both meetings will be in the Community Hall starting at 9:45 AM and are open to the public.

For further information on any Island Trust matter please visit the website www.islandstrust.bc.ca and click on North Pender.

Respectfully submitted

Derek Masselink and Gary Steeves
Local Trustees

