



Islands Trust

Hornby Local Trust Committee Report April 2017

- Proposed TELUS Communications Tower

We will be considering whether or not to concur with the TELUS proposal on the basis of land use considerations at our May 5 business meeting. This will start an hour early at 10:30 am to provide a further opportunity for new information to be presented and shared at an extended Town Hall session. Please note that it would be best to receive such information in advance in writing (email: hornbyplanner@islandstrust.bc) so that it can be well considered. We requested staff to ask TELUS to confirm if a remote switching unit can be installed on Hornby Island as an alternative to a tower in order to sustain intra-island phone connections should the underwater cable be damaged.

- Fowler Road Unopened Road Allowance

At our May 5th meeting, we will be considering supporting the closure of an unopened road allowance which is an extension of Fowler Road to the west. Our Official Community Plan speaks to all unopened road allowances being retained. However, in this instance, it is highly unlikely the allowance would ever be used for a road or even a trail as it passes through a pond and very swampy ground. The closure would enable the consolidation of agricultural lots that would support active farming. If you have questions, comments or concerns please come to the meeting or send a message to the Hornby Island LTC c/o hornbyplanner@islandstrust.bc.ca.

- Advisory Planning Commission Appointments

We are pleased to announce that Karen Ross, Christine Hunt, Julie Peacock and Jeff Zamluk have been appointed to the Advisory Planning Commission joining, existing members Stan Combs and Andrew Mark. We honour you all for stepping forward. Our Official Community Plan contains a policy that after five years, we would review the vacation home rental regulations. The local trust committee is preparing terms of reference for a review to be conducted with the Advisory Planning Commission.

- K'omoks First Nation Relationship Building

A priority for the Islands Trust is sincere relationship-building with the many First Nations who have interests in the lands and waters of the trust area. So, we are excited to be attending a Chief and Council meeting, along with the Denman local trustees, on April 10 to continue relationship-building with K'omoks First Nation.

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