

LOCAL TRUSTEE REPORT BY JEANINE DODDS – MAYNE ISLAND LTC – SUMMER EDITION

Another hot and dry summer, lots of stress on our environment just now. Many visitors and busy business which make summer special but sometimes stressful. Hoping everyone is staying cool and calm despite ferry issues, lack of water resources and smoke particles in the air.

The Local Trust Committee met July 24th. Our agenda package included a proposed bylaw to see completion of the requirements by the Provincial Government for the Riparian Area Regulations. Two of our drainage courses qualify under the regulations. We expect to complete the public consultation on this bylaw 171 in the near future.

Another important piece of ongoing business is the report on the Commercial Land Use Review. An extensive report is in the agenda package of July 24th. We have many pockets of commercially zoned land on Mayne Island. Most of these already zoned lands have not been developed to their full potential. Islands Trust Planner Jason Youmans from Salt Spring Island, has prepared an extensive report laying out the current issues around commercial zoning, this includes a build out table. The Trust Committee will be working on this project for some time, we urge residents to read the reports and ask us any questions you might have.

Some discussion occurred around the issues of the Miners Bay dock and a proposal by the Southern Gulf Island Harbours Commission to realign the dock to the south side. The Trust Committee will be sending a letter to the CRD who is responsible for the Commission, asking for clarification around this proposal.

In addition more discussion occurred around issues at the Ferry Terminal, heavy traffic on weekends as well as the transfer traffic that comes into this terminal creates challenges. We did not conclude with any solutions but will continue to monitor this issue. On a personal note I did disembark from the Cumberland on Sunday night, I noted that there were at least 5 terminal workers on site; one was easily identified by the bright yellow overalls as they dealt with the transferring traffic coming off the Cumberland. Hopefully staffing has been increased to deal with problems occurring with this year's very different schedule.

The Trust Committee does not meet again until September 18th. Trust Council will hold its quarterly meeting on Denman Island, September 11 to 13.

Stay well hydrated, watch for heavy traffic on our roads and the many Blacktail out and about, conserve water, enjoy our beautiful beaches, parks and services. Be sure to thank our hard working business operators and their staff as heat and high volumes of customers stress everyone out.

Any questions just contact us.

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