

Gambier Trust Area Trustee Report – January 2018 – Dan Rogers, Keats Island

Hello to all of you. This will be a brief update before the first Local Trust Committee meeting of 2018 on January 25th commencing at 10:45. I previously forwarded the Agenda package.

Meeting Location

The Local Trust Committee has been meeting with some regularity at the John Braithwaite Community Centre in North Vancouver during the winter months. We have received some feedback that some find this more convenient than other options but if you have any other feedback let me know. We will still have one regular meeting in Gibsons, one on Gambier and one on Keats during the spring and summer.

Burnco – McNab Creek

A reminder that the **Federal** Environmental review process regarding the Burnco/McNab Creek gravel mine/processing facility is proceeding and the public comment period is open until January 26th. See <http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/details-eng.cfm?evaluation=54754>. I have previously communicated my opposition to this project and I will be filing a submission before the deadline. We are getting closer to the time when the provincial and federal governments will have to decide whether to permit this new industrial activity in Howe Sound. If you have views about it please make them known.

SCRD Taxes

The budget process at the SCRD is under way and there is opportunity for you to make your views known as there appears to be an indication that a tax increase somewhere in the 4 to 5.3 % range is being contemplated. The website is here <http://www.scrd.ca/Budget> and in particular note this document <http://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Corporate/Finance/WEBSITE%20-%202018%20Round%201%20Guiding%20Documents.pdf> Note that `the islands pay substantial amounts for public transit and community parks and in the case of Howe Sound islands, for the library in Gibsons. Your comments should be directed to the comments section on the Budget page above or to the Director in your area. Area B is Garry Nohr garry.nohr@scrd.ca or in the case of Area F, Ian Winn, ian.winn@scrd.ca.

Best Regards

Dan Rogers,

drogers@islandstrust.bc.ca

604-220-1500