



Islands Trust

## March 2018 Islands Trust Council Highlights

*The following list indicates the highlights of Trust Council's activities and decisions during its March 13-15 meeting on Salt Spring Island. These highlights are not the official minutes of the Trust Council meeting; Trust Council will adopt those at its June 2018 meeting on Saturna Island.*

### **Budget Session**

**Trust Council reviewed the draft 2018/19 Budget and made the following changes:**

*That the 2018/19 Budget be amended to include the Victoria office landlord's contribution of \$152,000 for the Victoria office renovation project, as well as offsetting expenditures of the same amount.*

### **Salt Spring LTC Special Property Tax Requisition – RFD**

*That the Islands Trust Council include a special property tax requisition for the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area in the amount of \$98,500 in its 2018/19 annual budget, to fund additional operations of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee in preserving and protecting the quality and quantity of water resources within the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area.*

### **Bylaw Enforcement Notice Dispute Adjudication Services – RFD**

*That Trust Council authorize Staff to withdraw the Islands Trust from the North Shore Bylaw Notice Dispute Adjudication Registry by giving six months written notice to the parties to the North Shore Bylaw Notice Dispute Adjudication Registry Agreement.*

*And that Trust Council authorize Staff to obtain dispute resolution services directly from Mediate BC.*

### **Amendment to Application Fee Bylaws for First Nation Engagement – RFD**

*That the Executive Committee provide recommendations to Trust Council on means to address compensation for First Nations site visits to the June Trust Council meeting.*

### **History, Heritage and Conservation Grants in-aid – RFD**

*That Trust Council Policy 2.1.14 History, Heritage and Conservation Grants in-aid as amended by adding section 3.5 – "With the approval of affected local trust committees or island municipality", be adopted.*

### **BC Speculative Tax**

*That Trust Council request the Chair to write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to express concern about the potential impacts of the proposed BC Speculation Tax in the Trust Area and to emphasize the need for housing solutions tailored to the needs of island communities and to copy the Minister of Finance.*

### **Financial Plan Bylaw No. 172 – RFD**

Bylaw 172 received First, Second and Third Reading and was forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval.

### **Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 173 – RFD**

The *Local Government Act* requires local governments to enact a “borrowing bylaw” and while the Islands Trust Council adopts a borrowing bylaw each year, no borrowing has been required for several years. Bylaw No. 173 received First, Second and Third Reading and was forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval.

### **Legislative Amendments Open Space Analysis – RFD**

*That staff prepare a short list of legislative amendments for the June 2018 Trust Council meeting and that a working session be scheduled to develop a prioritized list of potential amendments.*

*That a public engagement plan regarding legislative change be developed and presented to Trust Council.*

### **Regional Conservation Plan (2018-2027) – RFD**

*That Islands Trust Council endorse the Islands Trust Fund’s Regional Conservation Plan (2018-2027).*

### **Adapting to Climate Change Session & Town Hall**

*That Trust Council request Executive Committee to bring back to council a report on options for Islands Trust to increase focus on climate change mitigation within its current budget.*