

## June 2018 Trustee Stamford Report

A reminder about the Gambier Local Trust Committee meeting happening on Gambier on Thursday. Everyone is welcome.

[Link here](#)

The bulk of the meeting package is devoted to the Gambier Island Official Community Plan and the Riparian Area Regulations.

Local Trust Committee activities over the past month:

- May 5th - Howe Sound Community Forum at Furry Creek.
- May 25th – Ocean Watch Task Force
- May 28th - Day trip to see the Sandy Beach reserve and Salmon Rock covenant on Keats for the re-zoning on DL696.
- May 29th – Islands Trust Conservancy

Upcoming:

- June 25th - Gambier Island Conservancy AGM
- June 28th – Alt’Kitsem conservation groups gathering at Totem Hall in Squamish hosted by the Biosphere Initiative
- July 6 – Ocean Watch Task Force
- July 13 – Thormanby Island Water Workshop

### TRUST COUNCIL (JUNE 19-21)

Last week the Islands Trust Council was held on Saturna Island. Here are some of the highlights:

*Salish Sea Industrial Shipping Temporary Anchorages* – strong coordinated advocacy against this growing problem. Part of the overall work with the Federal government’s Ocean Protection Plan

*Plastics and Microplastics in the Salish Sea* - supporting Parliamentary Motion M-151 made by MP Gordon Johns and to take positive action on reducing the influx of plastics and micro plastics into Canadian waters.

*Regional Forum Secretariat Role* – examine the implications of the Trust acting in a coordinating or support role for various regional forums that are finding success within the Trust area.

*Kinder Morgan* - Joint letter opposing the Kinder Morgan pipeline and subsequent shipping expansion from the Islands Trust and San Juan County.

*Federal Ocean Protection Plan* – Active participation in the various aspects of the consultative process to the government’s marine plan.

The Islands Trust is becoming more and more recognized for it’s high-quality, evidence-based advocacy on marine and island issues. Every six months the Trust publishes all the legislation that could impact

our islands and how the Trust is responding. <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/346024/legislative-monitoring-report-may-2018.pdf>. There is a lot going on.

Here are two short videos that have been produced about the Islands Trust and aspects of fresh water conservation on islands in the Salish Sea.

The Islands Trust <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvKxSJ7sLAQ&feature=youtu.be>

Fresh Water Conservation on Islands: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQ9p37W\\_GFg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQ9p37W_GFg)

## **Islands Trust Conservancy**

After 15 years of requests to the Provincial Government, the Islands Trust Fund has finally received a name change by Provincial Legislative Amendment last month. Now the Islands Trust Conservancy can be recognized for what it is – a land conservancy. It is an interesting aside that as a provincial body, the Islands Trust Conservancy holds, in partnership with local groups, lands worth more than \$14 million on behalf of the province yet receives no financial support from the province to do so.

**Board position opening.** The Province is looking to fill one of the 3 appointed (non-Trustees) on the Islands Trust Conservancy. If you are interested, please see the following link.

<https://www.brainhunter.com/frontoffice/seekerViewJobDetailAction.do?sitecode=pl526&jobId=2235407&page=search&external=>

## **NOTES FROM THE COMBINED SAFETY SERVICES MEETING:**

Here are the notes from the meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> with the various emergency services agencies on Gambier.

<..\Meeting Safety and Emergency notes.pdf>

There are a number of resources, contact numbers and practical tips included for everyone as well a series of follow-up action items for various groups and individuals to follow up on.

Since the public safety meeting was held on Gambier there has been a fatal accident on the New Brighton Dock and a serious accident in Centre Bay. They both required coordinated emergency response. By accounts that I have heard, the response was rapid and appropriate to New Brighton but not to the situation in Centre Bay. What specifically could have been done better from the ambulance and rescue side? Were there things that the community could be better prepared for? Emergency service delivery to the islands deserves our attention on an ongoing basis so I hope that a volunteer group can come together to keep their attention on this.

## **BC FERRIES**

New Stormaway Schedule as of June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

<http://www.bcferries.com/schedules/mainland/lgik-current.php>

Joyce Clegg, Chair of Route 13 Ferry Advisory Committee, suggested that commuters be aware of heavy traffic expected at Langdale Terminal on July 11<sup>th</sup> for the BC Bike Race. She also noted that with the late runs from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale the gate to the Langdale Float will remain unlocked until 1:00 am.

As Langdale Terminal inches closer to renovations, initial plans were presented to the SCRD for an overhead walkway that would cross over the bay, above the Stormaway Ramp, to the passenger deck of a docking ferry. The developers confirmed that an elevator will be built for access directly to the Stormaway float. I asked Director Winn to request a special meeting for islanders so we can look at the plans ourselves including plans for more parking spots. SCRD Director Winn also requested BC Ferries consider noise factors in the pile driving and other impacts on nearby island residents.

## **NEW BRIGHTON DOCK**

During a recent inspection meeting with two members of the Squamish Nation Council, Marine Group Management, Bruce Kerr of the Stormaway, Joyce Clegg, Bill Baines and myself, the Council members were quite straight forward about the lack of a business case for their continued management of the dock. Given that the original management agreement with the Federal Government after divestiture is over in November, it is critical that all levels of government are aware that closing this dock is not an option. I will be requesting that the Local Trust Committee coordinate a meeting between representatives between the Squamish Nation Council and the SCRD as they are facing similar challenges with the other docks on the islands. Please remember that this is just talk at this time and that the Squamish Marine Group is committed to managing the New Brighton dock for the foreseeable future.

The Squamish Marine Group are organizing for significant repairs on the New Brighton Dock this September which could mean reduced access for some period. The Marine Group will forward the renovation schedule for distribution as soon as it becomes available.

**FEASIBILITY STUDY** for a protected area on Gambier/Anvil Islands and surrounding waters.

The David Suzuki Foundation sent out a draft of the feasibility study to a few representatives for comment. If nothing else, the document is an in-depth and fascinating profile of Gambier and the surrounding waters. The basic conclusion is that these islands should be protected but that a federal park designation is not the most realistic approach at this time for a variety of reasons. As soon as the final report is ready for general dissemination, I will forward a link.

## **SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT**

Area F West Howe Sound completed its Grant in Aide process for 2018. The following Island community groups successfully applied:

1. Brigade Bay – Fire equipment shed \$2200

2. Gambier Community Centre Society – Alarm system	\$400
3. Gambier Community Centre Society – BBQ	\$2500
4. Gambier Community Association – Signage, Health & Safety	\$4400
5. Gambier Community Association – Fire Equip. Water Tank	\$2200
Total	\$11,700

Thank you to SCRD Director Winn for supporting island community projects through this program

## **ELECTIONS**

Regional elections are happening on October 20, 2018. SCRD Regional Director for West Howe Sound, Ian Winn, is not running for re-election. Trustee Dan Rogers and I are running again as Island Trustees.

For the first time, islanders will be able to use mail-in ballots which will make participation easier. Details to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact me about any of the subjects outlined in my Trustee report. Much of these items are not strictly within the responsibility of the role of an Islands Trustee but I can at least provide further resources and contacts. The intent is to provide islanders with objective, interesting and important information but sometimes those topics do not lend themselves to simple facts and solutions (ie docks, feasibility study, emergency services) and there lies the challenge.

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