

## Trustee Report June 30, 2018

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It feels as if I haven't written a Trustee Report in awhile and now summer is upon us. I have been trying to keep you updated as events occur so hopefully I haven't missed too much in not doing up a formal Report for a bit.

There continues to be a lot going on around Howe Sound/Alt'kitsem and the Salish Sea generally. I salute all the folks involved in various efforts to preserve and enhance the livability and the environment in this area. I am always impressed with the efforts folks go to mostly because they just love it here. From the Streamkeepers in Squamish to the Marine Life Sanctuary Society to the folks at Ocean Wise at the Vancouver Aquarium to the David Suzuki Foundation, there are people making a difference every day. One initiative worth following is the effort to have Howe Sound/Alt'kitsem declared a UN Biosphere. Here is the website to get more information. <https://www.howesoundbri.org/#intro>.

On the theme of tracking all the work being done in this region, I attended the Salish Sea Eco Conference in Seattle from April 4 to 6. It is the second time I have attended this wonderful conference as a Trustee. It brings together academics and decision makers from around the Salish Sea to discuss efforts, both scientific and policy oriented, to address the many issues affecting this area. It is both sobering (in terms of the number of issues we are facing here) and encouraging when considering the number of bright minds working to resolve or improve those issues.

I also attended the Howe Sound/Alt'kitsem Forum on May 4<sup>th</sup> in Furry Creek where we continued discussions with all the governments of this area (local, municipal, provincial, federal and first nations) about plans to develop and ways to preserve what we love here.

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Local Trust Committee gave 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to the bylaw amendments to enable the proposed subdivision on lot 696 (Keats Landing) to proceed. There is a lot of technical work for the land owners and the residents to undertake now but I wanted to thank all involved for a detailed and respectful community process over the past 2 years (to say nothing of the 40 years before that!).

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, I was pleased to be part of a group of Keats Islanders who welcomed representatives of the Islands Trust Fund Board (now named the Islands Trust Conservancy) and the Sunshine Coast Conservation Society to our island. They were here to view the Sandy Beach Conservation area which is being transferred to the Conservancy. Along with 3 other islanders I took the opportunity to show them other wonderful spots on Keats ... Salmon Rock, Bridgeman's Bluff etc. Right on cue as we were viewing Sandy Beach, a pod of killer whales swam by.

On April 21, I travelled to Gambier with a few others from Keats to attend a meeting organized by Trustee Kate Louise Stamford of all of the various emergency responders in this area including Policy, the Forest service, Wildlife officer, Marine Rescue and paramedics. I will send out Trustee Stamford's Trustee Report and the notes from that meeting are there as a link.

I am pleased that on July 13<sup>th</sup>, I will be travelling to North Thormanby to attend a Green Shores workshop for residents of North and South Thormanby. It should be an interesting event and I am looking forward to visiting these unique islands again.

As I have reported before, the Local Trust Committee is undertaking a foreshore review of Keats Island. The first step is to provide the community information and engage in consultation about what the views of islanders are about protecting foreshores, about structures and docks and natural areas etc. There will be a survey coming out this summer and a Community Information meeting at Keats Camp in the afternoon July 26<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information on that soon.

I continue to monitor developments on the proposed Burnco development and the proposed Woodfibre LNG facility (the LTC and I spoke out against both) and will keep you posted as and when I learn anything new.

That's likely enough updates for now. If you have any questions or comments at all please do not hesitate to contact me as per below. I wish you a safe and fun summer season. Please be vigilant about fires and keeping a safe distance from whales.

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