

## Trustee Report August 6, 2018

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It's been quite the BC Day long weekend with the constant sunshine and calm seas. Indeed it's been quite the July/ early August. Great for hiking, boating, beaching, swimming etc. Of course the forest is stressed with the lack of rain and fires remain a concern. Keep vigilante as the summer progresses.

I've had an active summer as Trustee. As someone said the other day, "just when everyone else is winding down, you're winding up". It's not exactly true however there are some events that can only occur in the summer.

### **Green shores program – Vaucroft, North Thormanby**

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, I attended North Thormanby for a presentation on "Green Shores" arranged by your Local Trust Committee of Islands Trust and put on by the Stewardship Centre for BC. Approximately 20 folks from North and South Thormanby attended. It was an informative and interactive day. You can find out more information at

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/gambier/projects-initiatives/foreshore-protection-and-stewardship/>

or

<http://www.greenshores.ca/>

So this was a great beginning and the question is whether there is a community that would like to take this to next level. To put learning into practice. If so, contact me and we can talk about how the LTC can help make that happen.

### **Sea Ranch – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, Trustee Kate-Louise Stamford and I were fortunate enough to be invited guests at the Sea Ranch for its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. For those of you who don't know, the Sea Ranch is an innovative development on a former farm property at the head of Long Bay/Port Graves on Gambier Island. It is a lovely property indeed and the celebration reflected a deep history of community. I said former "farm" however part of the property remains as a farm and it is surrounded by acres and acres of beautiful woodland. I admire the folks at the Ranch greatly and thank them for the invite. It's always a pleasure to visit.

### **LTC and Community Information Meeting –June 28<sup>th</sup>, Gambier Island and July 26<sup>th</sup> Keats Island**

The Local Trust Committee held its regular meeting during the morning and early afternoon of June 28<sup>th</sup> at New Brighton Community Centre and July 26<sup>th</sup> at Keats Camp. In the afternoon of July 26<sup>th</sup>, there was a special Community Information Meeting at Keats Camp to discuss the first steps in a possible

shoreline review for Keats. About 15 residents showed and we had a good conversation. I will communicate more fully to Keats on this issue in the near future.

### **Keats Island Fire Equipment Group annual fundraiser**

It was fun to attend the annual BBQ and fundraiser in Eastbourne on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Bob Williams and his great crew for a very successful event. The “favourite Canadian” theme was great. Amazing how many Emily Carr’s and Relics showed up.

### **Trust Council**

As some of you may know, in addition to being on the Local Trust Committee, I attend Trust Council once every 3 months. This brings together the 26 Trustees from the 13 Trust Areas to set policy, budgets and the strategic direction for the Islands Trust as a whole. Once per term, Trust Council comes to this Area and from September 18 to 20<sup>th</sup>, it will be held at Barnabas on Keats Island. It is open to the public and there will be an opportunity to address Trust Council on any “trust wide” issue if you wish. I am pleased to be able to welcome Trustees (and senior staff) to this great area.

Speaking of Trust Council, I thought I would let you know my intention is to run for another term as one of two Trustees for this area. The election is in October. The term is for four years. I do know that Trustee Stamford also intends to seek another term.

As always, if you have any questions about anything in this report or anything at all related to the Trust, just contact me and if I can’t answer the question I can likely point you in the right direction.

Enjoy the summer and be safe!

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