

The Local Trust Committee held its inaugural meeting on November 26th. Our new Chairman is Dan Rogers from the Keats/Gambier Trust area and David Maude and myself are your two local Trustees. Planner Gary Richardson was on holiday so Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager, Southern Team, attended on his behalf.

Two main items of business were the rezoning of Cotton Park, currently this Park is zoned residential so the CRD has applied to have it rezoned for the park use. As well David Maude has applied for a variance for his proposed subdivision for two lots alongside Cotton Road. Due to some technical errors with the address and wording on the permit this application was sent back to staff for reposting. This application will come back for decision on the January 28th meeting. David recused himself from discussion on both of these applications.

The Riparian Area Regulations received final reading, David Maude was the single opposing vote on this very contentious and lengthy process.

Reviewing our work program for the coming term Trustee Dodds added a project tentatively labelled "tiny homes". The Trust Committee will be exploring options that might allow increases in density in exchange for construction of smaller dwellings on properties. Currently lots in a residential zone can be built out to cover 20% of the land, perhaps we could turn that to an opportunity to build smaller homes but multiple homes for long term rentals. Stay tuned as this proposal continues to be explored.

Our Bylaw manager Miles Drew attended in person and gave a concise summary of how the new ticketing bylaw, known as BEN, is working. The proposal to locate the adjudication office at the Islands Trust office on Fort Street was explained and will be decided at a future meeting. Currently adjudication takes place in North Vancouver and this poses a difficulty for most Islanders who choose to challenge a ticket. While the adjudication office is proposed to be at the Trust office in Victoria future adjudications will take place in public facilities that are located more conveniently to the particular local Trust area they are dealing with.

Our next meeting is January 28th, 1pm at the Agricultural Hall.

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