

Mayne Island LTC Trustee Report – February 2018

The first regular business meeting of 2018 occurred on January 29th. At this meeting we were able to give First Reading to a Bylaw that would allow the property owned by Reef Bay holdings at 492 Dalton Drive to be rezoned to the C1 zone. This zone allows a greater range of uses than those currently permitted on that site, more specifically retail, offices, food outlets and other small scale commercial uses; clubs, halls and freight depots will be excluded from any permitted uses on this site. The Trust Committee is currently undertaking a review of its commercial zonings.

The second item was First Reading to our long debated Riparian Area Regulations, Development Permit Area. Under this proposed DPA the water courses that drain into Horton and Village Bay will have setbacks from disturbance to their vegetation protection. This is in order to protect any fish habitat in the water courses or at the mouth of the estuaries. First Reading is a formality that allows the proposed bylaws to be then circulated to various agencies for their input, for instance, all First Nations with a land claim in our area, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Transportation and many others.

In addition to our regular business items the Local Trust Committee also requested that our Planner, Gary Richardson, give us a briefing on the issues and potential actions around sunken vessels on our shore. Currently we have a sailboat resting on the shoreline at Horton Bay and a speedboat sunken but still tied to a buoy in Miners Bay. As well we asked for an update on the burned out remains of a house at the end of Woodale Drive, this house was totally burned some years ago and none of the debris from that fire has been removed. The CRD has posted a no dumping sign on the property and we will report back on any information we receive.

Discussion regarding a proposal to change the hunting regulations for Mayne Island has resulted in the Trust Committee directing staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources. The letter will express our concern over lack of information, notification or consultation with the Trust Committee, Fallow Deer Committee or community in general.

Our next meeting will be March 26, 1pm at the Agricultural Hall.