

The Islands Trust Council meet for a second orientation session January 15 and 16th, with 14 new Trustees out of 26 council members the intricacies of budget and the operations of the Council will take some time

The Local Trust committee did not meet in December but we did attend a Trust Council session in January. This session was a continuation of the orientation program for new Trustees. We have 14 new trustees on our council of 26. Trust Council must adopt a budget by March 31st, much of this session was devoted to agreeing on a budget to send out for public consultation. The proposed budget will be over 8 million dollars.

As part of our commitment to working with our First Nations partners education is ongoing at the Council level. We were fortunate to have Chief Ian Campbell as a speaker.

Chief Ian Campbell is an Hereditary Chief of the Squamish Nation. His family lineage descends from the Squamish and Musqueam First Nations of the Coast Salish people. His ancestral name is Xálek' and his Chieftain name is Sekyú siyám. Chief Campbell is serving his third term as an elected Council member, an official spokesperson for the Squamish Nation, and is the Cultural Ambassador & Negotiator for Chief Ian Campbell is an Hereditary Chief of the Squamish Nation. His family lineage descends from the Squamish and Musqueam First Nations of the Coast Salish people. His ancestral name is Xálek' and his Chieftain name is Sekyú siyám. Chief Campbell is serving his third term as an elected Council member, an official spokesperson for the Squamish Nation, and is the Cultural Ambassador & Negotiator for Intergovernmental Relations, Natural Resources & Revenue which is the economic arm of the Squamish Nation. In this role Chief Campbell is instrumental in advancing the interest of aboriginal rights and title through agreements around forestry, crown land development, land use planning, recreational and park management, and the establishment of conservation areas such as Xay Temíxw Sacred Land Use Plan and the Strategic Land Use Agreement. Named one of Vancouver's Power 50 influencers, Chief Campbell participates on many boards and advisory committees in a diverse array of organizations. Chief Ian Campbell has been instrumental in the development of Impact Benefit Agreements, and land acquisition proposals with the Federal and Provincial government. These agreements and accommodations are at the forefront of the expression of First Nations rights and title within Canada. A public speaker since the age of fourteen, Chief Campbell traveled both nationally and internationally empowering audiences while sharing the rich, vibrant history and culture of his people. He is a strong advocate for children and youth. Chief Campbell has successfully completed his Executive Master of Business Administration in Aboriginal Business & Leadership (EMBA ABL) at Segal Graduate School of Business (SFU) incorporating his upbringing in traditional teaching on the land, drawing forward traditional knowledge and applying it within the modern context. He believes in the continuity of tradition, "we are relay runners, we must accept the responsibilities bestowed on us by our predecessors while creating succession" and it is through his beliefs that he carries forward, in his life and work, the traditions and language of the Nation. Intergovernmental Relations, Natural Resources & Revenue which is the economic arm of the Squamish Nation. In this role Chief Campbell is instrumental in advancing the interest of aboriginal rights and title through agreements around forestry, crown land development, land use planning, recreational

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His presentation as are so many others was very inspirational, the full Trust Council agenda can be found on the Islands Trust webpage.

The Local Trust committee will meet February 25th at 1pm at the Agricultural Hall. Any questions please contact us.

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