

## April 2019 Trustee Report

- **Meeting Times and Dates - Riparian Area and Wetland proposed bylaw**
- **Eelgrass planting workshop sign-up**
- **Events around the Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Area**
- **Trustee Updates**

### **Upcoming Community Information Meeting and Webinar**

The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee has sent all islanders an information piece about the proposed changes to the **riparian and wetland area regulations**.

There will be a Community Information meeting – **Saturday April 27th 1:30pm at the Gambier Community Centre**

A shortened Gambier Island Local Trust Committee meeting will be held prior to the CIM.

If you cannot attend the information meeting, please sign up for the **webinar on Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-8:30pm**. Register at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4001464059629646860>

The webinar will also be recorded and posted on the website

To see the proposed bylaws and the background to this process please see:

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

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Any questions can be directed to [northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca)

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### **Local Trustee Activities**

March 15 – **Squamish Council leadership gathering**. The Local Trust Committee and CAO Russ Hotsenpillar attended this consolidated gathering of locally elected representatives within the territory of the Squamish at the Joe Mathias centre in North Vancouver. Several Skwxwú7mesh council members were in attendance along with about 80 other municipal and regional reps and staff. We conducted round table discussions about various challenges in terms of connecting appropriately with the Nation, the Squamish Council, and visa-versa. I did bring up the New Brighton dock several times, but it was not a venue for specific results. The dock is on the agenda for an Islands Trust Executive/staff meeting with Squamish Council members on April 8<sup>th</sup>. I will be attending this meeting as well primarily to discuss the New Brighton dock and the necessary community engagement around its future.

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Presented at the Baynes Sound/Lambert Channel Forum in Courtenay. I gave a presentation about the history and initiatives of the Howe Sound Community Forum and the Ocean Watch Task Force. The Baynes Sound area is looking at options for regional engagement to support their unique and highly productive marine area.

March 26<sup>th</sup> – Islands Trust Conservancy meeting

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Ocean Watch Task Force

Upcoming – April 26<sup>th</sup> – the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee will be hosting the **Howe Sound Community Forum at Camp Fircom**. This bi-annual event brings all levels of

government together to discuss areas of mutual interest in the region. This event is by invitation only due to venue and transport constraints.

### **Islands Trust Council**

Trust Council March 13-15<sup>th</sup> - was held on Gabriola. **The 2019-2020 budget** was passed with a 2% increase to the IT portion of property taxes and included more money to the Islands Trust Conservancy. No increase is considered lightly by the council as we recognize the Trust portion of the annual property tax is just one of several line items on a property owners annual bill. Here is a link to the approved budget:

[http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/347361/approved-19\\_20-budget-for-website-002.pdf](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/347361/approved-19_20-budget-for-website-002.pdf)

In the Council package from pages 103-230 there is the results of the budget survey and interesting comments from island residents:

[http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/347296/tc\\_2019-03\\_12-14\\_adg\\_pkg\\_final.pdf](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/347296/tc_2019-03_12-14_adg_pkg_final.pdf)

Other highlights from Trust Council include the **Reconciliation Declaration**

[http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/347380/2019-08-it-islands-trust-council-fn-declaration\\_final.pdf](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/347380/2019-08-it-islands-trust-council-fn-declaration_final.pdf)

and the passing of a call to action in the **climate emergency**

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/347410/2019-09-it-climatechageemergencydeclaredfinal.pdf>

**Community Stewardship Awards** – Do you know of someone who is doing good things for the islands? Someone who is going above and beyond in your community? Please consider nominating them for an Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award. Deadline is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/projects/stewardship-awards/>

### **Local Events**

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> - **Eel grass planting event** at Hopkins Beach (west of Langdale Terminal on the mainland) beginning at 10:00am. Help to create the eel grass plugs to be planted near Cotton Bay on Gambier and a location on Keats. There have been popular workshops in other bays around the island to support this important marine plant critical to nursery habitat. Child-friendly event. Please register below.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/eelgrass-restoration-in-west-howe-sound-tickets-59483737460>

**Air quality index** – further to the previous post on backyard burns, here is a website that provides ventilation index information to ensure appropriate dispersal of smoke.

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6d288bc667b24528a5c1e3b4c0373d07>

**Stormaway Schedule** – There are no schedule changes at this time. Look for possible changes beginning on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sunshine Coast Regional District**

Chief Administrative Officer, Janette Loveys, is no longer with the SCRD. The Regional District is going through a hiring process for this critical position, but it will take several months to have someone in place and trained. If you have questions or concerns around specific RD responsibilities such as community docks, regional parks/trails, community

projects etc. please use the feedback form found at the bottom of the SCRD home page and staff will respond. <http://www.scrd.ca/Feedback-Form>

*Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further details, have questions, or have additional information for me and our island communities.*

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**Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Activities**

**“Return of Humpbacks, Howe Sound/Atl'ka7tsem, BC”** - Here is another of Bob Turner's (Bowen Is resident) wonderful video series on the Sound.  
<https://youtu.be/AmIpFWfjS2I>

**Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Conservation Mapping Project** – David Suzuki Foundation. DSF is holding free workshops in Vancouver, Squamish and Gibsons for further input into their conservation mapping project. This is an exciting multi-use tool for anyone who lives or recreates in the area. For details see the link below.  
<https://david Suzuki.org/project/howe-sound/>

The free workshop on the Sunshine Coast will be held on March 5 at 6:30pm at the Gibsons Public Market.

**EarthWorks Film Presentation** ~ 'Returning - Journey to the Salish Sea' on March 19, 2019 at Capilano University. See poster attached below

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/57751b6b398595ee9e288baa1/images/82967cd4-6d11-485e-9d1e-62ee38f3ec3a.jpg>

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