

The Local Trust Committee did not meet on November 25th. Without any decision items on this agenda and no new business the committee chose to cancel the meeting, we next meet January 2020. On October 28th at our regular business meeting we had in attendance approximately 80 residents, this large turnout was mainly to talk about the current garbage service on Mayne.

The Trust committee also received approximately 55 letters supporting the current garbage, Trustee Maude recused himself from the discussion.

In August 2017 a bylaw complaint was received regarding the parking and storage of garbage in vehicles on a residentially zoned property, a bylaw file was opened at that time. A number of residents of the Cherry Tree road attended a Trust meeting in September 2017 to express their concerns over this operation. The Trust committee of that time asked Planner Richardson to place on our work program consideration of contractor's yards. This item is not currently being worked on as we complete our tiny homes project and the review of land use bylaw definitions. Currently many contractors' use residentially zoned property for the storage of equipment. The bylaw file on the garbage service's property is currently in abeyance pending the gathering of more information and the review of contractor's yard.

. The Trust Committee stated that the option of a temporary use permit was suggested to the operators, as well the possibility of parking space at the Fire Hall for garbage trucks. If neither of these offers were effective then Trustee Dodds clearly stated that shutting down the operation was not an option for her. After discussion was held with the audience the Trust Committee asked that a letter be sent to the Mayne Island Improvement District who has taxing authority for garbage. The letter requested that the District look to long term solutions for providing consistent garbage service.

The District met November 27th to discuss their options; it is their intent to look to a long term lease of parking spaces for any garbage service vehicles within legally zoned properties. They will be issuing a request for proposal for a garbage service in view of the decision by Mayne island Garbage to close January 1, 2020.

From December 4th-6th Dave and I attended the Quarterly Trust Council session in Victoria. As always this was a very full session, our first day was an educational session on Residential Schools focusing on the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report. This is part of the Islands Trust Council ongoing Reconciliation Action Plan.

The strategic plan for the coming term was adopted. The plan contains 9 objectives followed by various strategies to accomplish the objectives.

The following is an example of just one objective that is crucial to all our Island communities.

Develop a regional freshwater management strategy that addresses responsibilities under the Water Sustainability Act, identifies water resources throughout the Trust area, integrates water resource management into the land use decision-making, and accounts for the impacts of climate change on island water resources.

The Trust Committee next meets on January 27th 1pm at the Agricultural Hall.

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