

# A message to fellow islanders

As Island Trust Trustees we are elected to represent you, primarily in land use matters and upholding the “Preserve and Protect “ mandate of the Trust. In these days of a health crisis we are limited in our role as Trustees, but we are doing our best.

As you may know we are both involved in what have been declared essential services to the community. We are going off island into the “unknown” to provide these services and making it easier for you to stay home in what has been to date a “safe” community. Masks, gloves and sanitizers are a fact of our daily work life.

We have good shopping options on island for all of your basic needs. Unless your travel is extremely essential we strongly suggest that you stay on the island and tell others not to come.

For your Health concerns and questions you need to call 811 or the Health Clinic (250-539-2312). Do not go to the Health Clinic unless you have called and been requested to attend. Check the MICHA website daily for updates and proper contact information: <https://mayneislandhealth.ca/>

We have cancelled our Local Trust Committee Meetings until further notice, no one should be gathering for any reason for any event or social reason on Mayne Island – it is dangerous and irresponsible at this time and in the coming days likely illegal.

We are doing our very best to be your voice with outside agencies such as BC Ferries, the situation at hand is changing by the hour and it at times is difficult to know what is coming next.

The bottom line is only you can protect yourself and your community. Stay at home as much as you can, if you are out for a walk or picking up bread at the store keep your “social distancing” (6 feet or more away from others), use the gloves and sanitizers where available. Shop for a neighbour, do your best to support others while keeping that all important safe distance.

The ability for our island to weather this Emergency situation is within our collective hands. If we are diligent all will be fine, if not the mind boggles with the possibility of the impact on a small community with our demographics.

Our strongest message is do not travel on or off the island unless you have no other option and do your best to ensure your friends and family (on and off the island) understand the critical importance of self isolation both personally and as a community.

In ending we would like to express our deepest thanks to MICHA and the team at the Health Centre. Their proactive guidance and support has been key to date for the security of the island during this crisis.

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