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Welcome to the Winter 2011 edition of the Islands Trust's electronic newsletter. We have designed this for everyone interested in the activities of the Islands Trust—a federation of the local governments responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment on BC's southern coastal islands and waters through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies and land conservation.

Please forward this newsletter to friends, neighbours or colleagues who you think may be interested in this information.

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Trust Council Chair Featured on US Public Radio

Islands Trust Council Chair Sheila Malcolmson was featured on KPLU (US national public radio), in a program called 'Reflections on the Water: Conversations on the Salish Sea.'

In the introduction to the series journalist Liam Moriarty says, "In this series, I travel all across the Salish Sea, from Olympia to Neah Bay to Campbell River and a lot of places in between, talking with people who have deep connections here: scientists, fishermen, artists, tribal members, waterfront property owners, aquaculturists and a lot more. They tell me their stories, they take me to their special spots, they share what this place has taught them. And we talk about the ways in which we help—and harm—these waters."

To listen to the feature [click here](#).

Trust Council Highlights

The Islands Trust Council held its quarterly business meeting December 7-9, 2010 in Victoria. Decision highlights are [here](#).

2011–2012 Proposed Budget

Trust Council reviewed a draft budget for 2011-2012, and provided its Financial Planning Committee with further suggestions. The Financial Planning Committee has since released a proposed budget for public discussion. Once it has reviewed all public feedback, Council will make a final budget decision at its March 8-10 meeting on Galiano Island.

Islands Trust taxes account for between 10-20% of the total property tax bill for property owners in the Islands Trust Area, depending on other property taxes charged on each island. The Financial Planning Committee is recommending that the Islands Trust Council adopt a budget of \$6.9 million for 2011-2012. This budget represents an increase of \$470,000 in expenditures this year, offset by increased non-tax revenues of \$212,000, which would result in a 4.4 per cent increase in Islands Trust property taxes for 2011-2012.

Last year, the owner of a property assessed at \$450,000 paid about \$287 in Islands Trust taxes. If approved by Trust Council, the proposed Islands Trust budget for 2011-2012 would mean a tax increase of approximately **\$12.60** for a property of that value.

Budget details are available [here](#) or directly from the Islands Trust offices:

200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC Phone: **250.405.5151**

1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC Phone: **250.537.9144**

700 North Road, Gabriola Island, BC Phone: **250.247.2063**

The Islands Trust welcomes submissions from the public on the proposed budget. All written input received by noon Friday March 4, will be considered by Trust Council before it adopts a final budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. If people also wish to have their feedback considered by the Financial Planning Committee before it finalizes its budget recommendation to Trust Council, written submissions should be received by noon Friday, February 11.

Comments can be sent to: Islands Trust Council, attention: Treasurer at
200-1627 Fort Street,
Victoria, BC V8R 1H8;
by fax: 250.405.5155 or
by e-mail to: budget2011@islandstrust.bc.ca.

Trust Council Joins San Juan County in Transboundary Plea for Oil Spill Prevention

The Islands Trust and San Juan County Councils have encouraged their respective federal governments to begin working together immediately to improve oil spill protection for the Salish Sea, the inland sea that includes Washington's Puget Sound and British Columbia's Strait of Georgia.

A [joint letter](#) asks Canada and the United States to reconcile conflicting regulations and create compatible world-class marine safety and oil spill response regulations on both sides of the border, beginning with an im-

mediate review of existing maritime safety standards.

"Boundary lines drawn on maps have no effect on oil spills," said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. "As local governments for the islands of the Salish Sea, we are concerned about the risks presented by marine shipping in the region and the poor state of readiness to respond to a major oil spill in this area. This is a remarkable area, home to an exceptional variety of species and to protect it, we need to increase maritime safety

on both sides of the border."

The Islands Trust Executive Committee recently met with BC Minister of Environment Murray Coell who confirmed provincial government interest in improving oil spill response capacity, given the significant increase in tanker traffic in the Strait of Georgia.

For more information on Trust Council's marine advocacy projects, please [click here](#).

Curious About the Ships Now in the Area?

There is a real-time map with the current position and direction of all major ships in transit and at anchor. To see the map [click here](#).



Orca and freighter. Photo by Fred Felleman.

Food Security Report Now Available

Trust Council has endorsed and supported the recommendations in the report titled "[Exploring Food Security in the Islands Trust Area](#)." The report makes a series of recommendations on how to begin to address food security as well as painting a picture of the current state of the food system in the Trust Area.

The main message of the report is that food plays a significant role in community development. The report explores how to support and strengthen the local food system and provides policy tools and resources to ensure that the food system is considered in the face of development pressures, the rising cost of land, climate change, our reliance on imported foods, and other challenges.

The project was a partnership between Local Planning Services and Trust Area Services to deliver Trust Council's strategic goal to address food security. Using ideas from land-use planning, policy, local production and community initiatives, the report places the Trust Area within the larger context of provincial, national and international food systems to explore challenges and opportunities for food security in our communities. It identifies several challenges we all face in terms of island food security, but also acknowledges the immense opportunity that lies in our own backyards via planning tools and local knowledge.

The Islands Trust is currently working on two other food security projects. On Denman Island, an [agricultural strategy](#) has been completed towards creating an area farm plan for the island. The project was funded in part by the Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C. through programs it delivers on behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the BC Ministry of Agriculture.

A Trust Area initiative is also ongoing to develop a model for seniors-friendly gardening and food security activities, as well as to identify how food security relates to seniors' housing options. Three pilot projects run by community groups were selected to participate on Denman Island, Salt Spring Island and Thetis Island. Funding for this project was provided by the Union of BC Municipalities under the Seniors Housing and Support Initiative.

Islands Trust Fund's Regional Conservation Plan Endorsed by Trust Council

The Islands Trust is a unique local government in British Columbia, benefiting from the work of an in-house conservation land trust—the Islands Trust Fund. With its conservation planning, permanent land protection and stewardship education programs, the Islands Trust Fund provides the Islands Trust with additional tools and expertise to work towards its mandate of preserving and protecting the islands environment and culture. The science and vision of the Regional Conservation Plan is one of those tools not available to most local governments in British Columbia.

At its December meeting, Trust Council resolved to integrate the consideration of the findings, goals and objectives of the Regional Conservation Plan into the Islands Trust's planning operations. The Regional Conservation Plan will provide a scientific basis for making decisions about zoning and land-use planning to protect sensitive ecosystems. Staff of the Island Trust Fund and Local Planning Services will be working together to determine how best to integrate this innovative plan into their recommendations about policies and decision making.

Conservation success requires pooling the resources and efforts of all levels of governments, conservation organizations and private landowners.

The Trust Fund Board has ambitious plans to conserve natural areas in the Islands Trust but cannot do it alone. In December 2010 Trust Council endorsed the goals in the new five-year conservation plan and took an important step by recommending that local trust committees and island municipalities also consider the goals and objectives of the Regional Conservation Plan when making land-use decisions.

Conservation success requires pooling the resources and efforts of all levels of governments, conservation organizations and private landowners. The Islands Trust Fund Regional Conservation Plan provides science-based advice about which projects will yield the greatest benefit to biodiversity in the islands.

The [2011-2015 Regional Conservation Plan](#) is based on more than a year of consultation with islanders, provincial and regional governments, and national, regional and local conservation agencies. The plan includes state-of-the-art ecosystem mapping that identifies sensitive ecosystems, existing protected areas, and natural areas with the highest biodiversity values. It also establishes the following long term vision:

The islands and waters of the Strait of Georgia and Howe Sound will be a vibrant tapestry of culture and ecology where humans live and work in harmony with the natural world. This special place will have a network of protected areas that preserve in perpetuity the native species and natural systems of the islands. Engaged residents and conservation partners will work together to protect large natural areas and key wildlife habitat. Viable ecosystems will flourish alongside healthy island communities.

The Trust Fund Board and its partners will work towards that vision while achieving the following long-term goals:

1. Secure (through land donation, direct purchase, and voluntary conservation covenant) *core conservation areas* that effectively conserve biodiversity priorities within the Islands Trust Area and within individual local trust areas or island municipalities.
2. Investigate the protection of biodiversity priorities on lands outside of core conservation areas, including *working landscapes*.
3. Work with partner organizations to conserve marine ecosystems and habitats.
4. Work with the Islands Trust Council, local trust committees and island municipalities to implement and accentuate Regional Conservation Plan goals and objectives within official community plans and land use bylaws.
5. Promote community participation in conservation within the Islands Trust Area through effective stewardship and management of private lands, information sharing and support of conservation education initiatives for private landowners.
6. Support and enhance the work of conservation partners working in the Islands Trust Area.
7. Monitor and manage existing conservation areas to maintain and enhance biodiversity and cultural features, with the understanding that ecosystems are continuously in a state of change.

The plan sets a number of short-term (5 year) objectives that, if achieved, would move the Islands Trust Area closer to achieving those long-term goals.

With extensive scientific research and community consultation providing the backbone to the 2011-2015 Regional Conservation Plan, the Islands Trust Fund thanks its primary funders, the Islands Trust Council and Vancity, as well as all those who provided the invaluable in-kind services and support needed to complete the plan, including the Nature Conservancy of Canada, local island conservancies, and Province of British Columbia.

Trust Council Adds Lasqueti Local Trust Area to Property Tax Exemption Program

With the passage of Trust Council Bylaw 140, the Islands Trust Fund can now deliver the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) to the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area. Lasqueti Island is still a treasure-trove of biodiversity and much of the island has remained natural even though only 10% of its land base is legally protected. Credit is due to the private landowners of Lasqueti for retaining such rich biodiversity on their private land.

Nevertheless, some landowners are starting to worry about what happens when their property changes hands. Unless there is a covenant on title, there is no guarantee a future landowner will live as lightly on the land. The good news is landowners on Lasqueti can now permanently protect the natural features they love while maintaining private ownership. Landowners who register a conservation covenant with the Islands Trust Fund's NAPTEP program can receive annual property tax reductions of up to 65%. NAPTEP gives landowners the opportunity to leave a significant natural legacy—permanent protection of natural habitat—while lessening their annual property tax burden.

To learn more about NAPTEP, [click here](#) or phone 250.405.5186 (toll free 800.663.7867).



Gate on Lasqueti Island.

“While we knew that we would care for our land in our lifetime, we realized that without a covenant there was no guarantee as to what may happen to our cherished forest and Garry oak meadow after we are gone,” said Sylvia Pincott, donor of the Woodwinds NAPTEP covenant on North Pender Island. **“With a NAPTEP covenant, it is comforting to know those ecosystems will remain on this property in perpetuity. And with the special encouragement of a reduction in property taxes, it is a win/win arrangement.”**

Islands Trust Area News

Dian Johnstone Elected to Saturna Island Local Trust Committee

Dian Johnstone was elected by acclamation on January 24th and will be sworn in as a local trustee for the Saturna Island Local Trust Area in February. The position became vacant in October, 2010, when former Saturna Island Local Trustee John Money submitted his resignation. Johnstone will fill the position vacated by Money until the term ends in early December 2011. Like other communities in British Columbia, island communities elect their local government representatives every three years. General Local Elections for the entire Islands Trust will be held in November 2011 during province-wide local government elections.

Johnstone is retired and has been living on Saturna Island since 1998. She had a 20-year career in tax administration at BC's Ministry of Finance, and served more recently as a consultant to the World Bank and other agencies in Kosovo, Mongolia, Afghanistan, Tanzania and Macedonia. Johnstone is also an active community volunteer, serving on the Fire Protection Society Board, Arts and Concerts Society, Saturna Women's Service Club, Community Club, Recreation Society Board as well as being a member of the Lions Club. She also founded the Meals on Wheels program on Saturna Island.

Once sworn in, the new Saturna Island Local Trustee will fill two roles. Johnstone will sit on Trust Council, and be a member of the three-member Saturna Island Local Trust Committee, along with Saturna Island Local Trustee Beverley Neff and Chair, Peter Luckham.

Do You Know a “Hometown Hero”?

The Hometown Heroes Award Program is your chance to help Canada recognize and celebrate environmental leaders, whether an individual, group or organization, who foster meaningful, long-term community awareness and action.

Heroic candidates can win either the Individual Hometown Heroes Award, with a \$10,000 cash-prize (\$5,000 to keep and \$5,000 to donate to the environmental cause of their choice), or the Group Hometown Heroes Award, with a \$10,000 cash-prize to support their work.

Nominate yourself, an individual or group from your community by **February 28th, 2011**. Earth Day Canada is also launching a new Small Business Hometown Heroes Award in 2011. Full details and applications can be found [here](#).

“Designating the land as a provincial park and protecting it with a covenant is a win for everyone.”

Greenhores for Homes Program

In September the Islands Trust Council directed that integrated watershed and shoreline mapping will be completed throughout the Islands Trust Area in order to better understand the relationships between watersheds and coastal zones.

The watersheds of the Islands Trust Area were mapped in 2009 through a joint project with the University of British Columbia (UBC). In order to implement the provincial Riparian Areas Regulation, the Islands Trust acquired much higher resolution digital elevation mapping and had UBC’s help to interpret it. At the same time, a UBC graduate student seminar session focused on Thetis Island’s shoreline, providing greater knowledge of typical coastal zones of the Islands Trust.

The specific objectives of the Thetis Island pilot project were to:

- understand the natural systems influencing the coastal zones;
- identify how those influences manifest;
- identify any commonality of types and locations of zones on various islands;
- determine their relevance to upland land use planning; and
- communicate the findings to the Islands Trust through the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee.

This work is now complete and provides the foundation for the recently launched Islands Trust Green Shores for Homes project. This is a multi-year program in partnership with Washington State’s San Juan County, the City of Seattle, and the University of Washington. This transboundary project is intended to improve decision-making on land use and development for single-family waterfront properties in the Salish Sea by using an environmental impact rating system for development. The application of the rating system will inform property owners and local governments as to the environmental sustainability of proposed developments along coastlines.

This project has been made possible through external funding from the Stewardship Centre for British Columbia, the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium, and the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia. The Islands Trust gratefully acknowledges their contributions to this important project.

New Provincial Park on Denman Island

Late in 2010, the provincial government announced a public-private partnership involving land donations, the transfer of local development rights and carbon sequestration to help protect land on Denman Island. The innovative agreement resulted in the BC government acquiring 18 properties and protecting about 15 per cent of Denman Island (750 hectares).

The Islands Trust’s involvement was through the Denman Island Local Trust Committee’s local government zoning authority. At a news conference at the BC Legislature, Islands Trust Council Chair Sheila Malcolmson said, “The announcement represents a very unusual and welcome conservation opportunity for the Gulf Islands. And it results from the cooperative efforts of a unique combination of parties.”

The complicated density transfer involved rezoning the land in the new park and several Crown parcels elsewhere on the island. The Denman Island Local Trust Committee approved transferring the development rights to another location, resulting in no net density increase for the island. The local government rezoning decision to support land conservation on Denman was made without any knowledge of, or reference to, carbon offsets.

The new provincial park will ensure the long-term recovery of land that falls

within a small, threatened ecosystem—the coastal Douglas fir biogeoclimatic zone. The park land was heavily logged in the late nineties by a past landowner. Designating the land as a provincial park and protecting it with a covenant is a win for everyone—for the landowner, for the community and for all British Columbians.

Not Just a Pretty Beach—Lasqueti Shoreline Workshop

In mid-November 2010 the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee presented a workshop called “Not Just A Pretty Beach” featuring speakers Ramona C. de Graaf and Michelle Molnar.

Ramona, “Queen of the Smelts”, is a marine biologist with the BC Shore Spawners Alliance, helping communities to protect critical shoreline habitats for salmon and forage fish. Her presentation focused on the many ecological linkages of our shorelines and a healthy marine environment. It was fascinating to learn about an essential part of the food chain that lives and spawns right on the beach. Forage fish (herring, needle fish, sand lance and surf smelt) are critical prey for hundreds of marine predators from birds and fish (salmon and rockfish) to whales. Participants also learned about critical shoreline habitat linkages for juvenile salmon and how our actions can harm or help the marine food web. To arrange your own community workshop, you can reach Ramona at Foragefish.bc@gmail.com

Michelle Molnar is from the David Suzuki Foundation and she offered a different way to think about our oceans. Her emphasis was on the interdependence of mankind and ocean ecosystems, the range of benefits a healthy ocean provides to society and what we stand to lose if we don't act now to protect marine ecosystem services.



Ramona C. de Graaf on Lasqueti Island. Photo by J. Gobby.



Chrome Island Light Station

Islands Trust Lighthouse Advocacy—Part 2

“Light keepers are the eyes and ears of our coast, and are strategically located to observe what is happening in our marine environment.” (Trust Council Chair, Sheila Malcolmson)

The struggle to preserve Canada's staffed lighthouses began almost 30 years ago, but took on new momentum in September 2009, when light keepers learned of the Government's plan to fully automate the remaining staffed light stations—27 in BC and 24 in Newfoundland and Labrador. In the Fall 2010 E-news you read about Islands Trust Council Chair Sheila Malcolmson's 2009 letter to the Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, opposing de-staffing of light stations. We were in good company as the Minister soon after requested a Senate Committee to undertake a review of the plan. The Senate Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans was in Nanaimo on November 17th, on the second leg of its cross-country tour to consult with Canadians about the future of our lighthouse keepers. Islands Trust joined a variety of stakeholders including light keepers and local fishers making presentations to the Committee. Chair Malcolmson's submission is [here](#).

In December, the report of the Senate Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans asked Ottawa to cancel its lighthouse de-staffing plan and make future decisions on a case-by-case basis.

The "Georgia Strait Protection Principles" will be used as a tool to educate municipal planners and decision-makers about local marine priorities, and shoreline and watercourse protection.

Georgia Strait Alliance Wants Your Stories

The Georgia Strait Alliance community mapping project needs your stories and experiences about the area. This online mapping tool for residents and organizations can be found [here](#) (navigate the site by clicking on "go to map" or "add to map")

The Georgia Strait Alliance wants the map to be comprehensive and inclusive of the maps already created by other community organizations. The map is intended to link to works others have created in order to pool all the information in one area. The map will allow users to access a variety of levels of detail, each level containing information about areas of ecological importance, stewardship and restoration, and places of community interest and importance. This could be something like your favourite beach, a place you love to watch wildlife, or a place that you notice is being affected by pollution or needs protection.

The Georgia Strait Alliance will be using a mapping portal called the Green Map System. It uses Drupal and Google Maps to provide a base map of roads, cities, rivers and lakes. Green Maps is a global mapping tool intended to "inspire and support localization for sustainability, the worldwide movement by citizens and communities to engage with and represent the vital interconnections between the human, natural and built environment" (Common Ground a Community Mapping Resource Guide, Maeve Lydon, 2007). There are a number of local organizations using the Green Map System such as Cowichan Community Land Trust, The Land Trust Alliance of BC, and Comox Valley Project Watershed Society.

Once the map is developed and the data is organized, the Georgia Strait Alliance intends to use the input collected to develop a set of Georgia Strait Protection Principles. These principles will be used as a tool to educate municipal planners and decision-makers about local marine priorities, and shoreline and watercourse protection. GSA's hope is that communities will adopt these principles and incorporate them into their local community planning processes.

For more information on this project, please e-mail map@georgiastrait.org

Community Stewardship Awards Presented



Sylvia Pincott and Tekla Deverell, receiving their 2010 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards. Photo courtesy of Patrick Brown of the Island Tides.

The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee presented two Community Stewardship Awards to islanders Sylvia Pincott and Tekla Deverell in October. Sylvia Pincott won an enduring achievement award for preservation of the Pender Island environment and Tekla Deverell won an individual award for her gardening mentorship program for young people. The Community Stewardship Awards recognize individuals and groups for significant contributions towards preserving the community, culture or environment of an island. The award program is designed to promote the mandate of the Islands Trust by celebrating the dedicated people who have donated countless hours to enhancing the quality of life in the Trust Area.

Nomination information for the 2011 awards will be available this spring [here](#).

Islands Trust Fund News

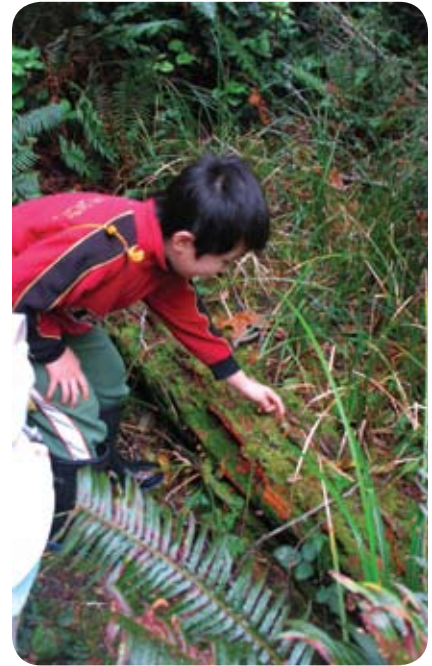
The Story of the Kikuchi Memorial–Frog Song Forest Covenant

Arthur Kikuchi moved to North Pender Island because the landscape reminded him of Japan where he spent his childhood. His father was a lifelong naturalist, specializing in the protection of wetlands and forests. Since he was a young boy, Arthur has always wanted to honour his father's work protecting the land.

In 1997 Arthur's father passed away, followed by his mother in 2009. With the proceeds of the estate Arthur purchased an undeveloped property tucked between a regional park and the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve on Pender. With the help of the Islands Trust Fund, the Pender Islands Conservancy Association, and the Nancy Waxler Morrison Biodiversity Protection Fund, Arthur permanently protected the property with a conservation covenant.

Walking through the property's wetland and forest, Arthur talks about his decision to purchase the property solely for protection: "I wanted to use the money they left me to do something that would make them proud. So I covenanted the property and named it the Kikuchi Memorial–Frog Song Forest Covenant. Whenever I come here, I feel my parents' presence. They never saw the property, but it's their lives, their work that protected it. I know they'd be proud of this legacy."

Arthur shared his outlook as he pointed to his four children playing among the branches of a nearby cedar: "People can't own the land. We're only borrowing it from the future. When we die, we can't take what we own with us. Our legacies are what we leave behind. I want to leave this protected place behind for my children, their children and the next generations in my community. That's what makes me most happy about the covenant."

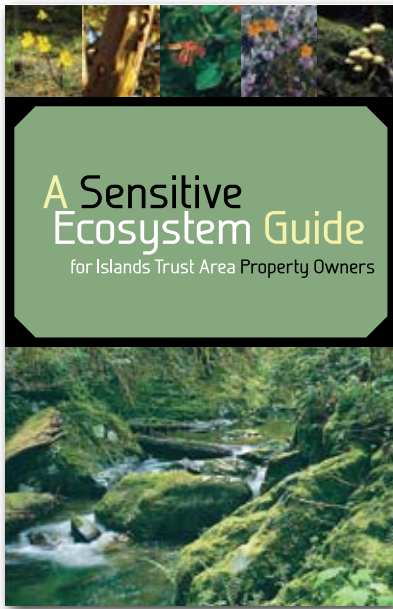


Exploring the Kikuchi Memorial–Frog Song Covenant. Photo by Christine Pritchard.



Frog Song Covenant. Photo by Christine Pritchard.

To learn how you can create your own family legacy, [click here](#), or speak with a staff member at 250.405.5186 (toll free 800.663.7867). If you can't create your own legacy, but would like to help the Kikuchi family and other covenant landowners protect special places throughout the islands, please donate to the Covenant Management and Defence Fund today [here](#).



With the generous support of Vancity, the Islands Trust Fund produced a new and attractive resource for landowners, *A Sensitive Ecosystem Guide for Islands Trust Area Property Owners*. The booklet will help you identify mature forests and other sensitive ecosystems on your property, and provide you with helpful tips on how to protect these pockets of refuge for rare species. [Click here](#) for more information on the sensitive ecosystems of the islands including updated ecosystem maps. To request a copy of the Sensitive Ecosystem Guide, contact us by e-mail at itfmail@islandstrust.bc.ca or by phone at 250-405-5186.

Did You Know?

...forests logged in the past can be just as important to biodiversity as other sensitive ecosystems?

Areas logged even as recently as 80 years ago are becoming what's known as mature forests (aged 80-250 years). The features found in old-growth forests—snags, fallen logs and other large woody debris—are just developing in mature forests. Mature forests provide habitat for plant and animal species, serve as buffers for other sensitive ecosystems, and if left to nature, will become the old growth forests our grandchildren, great-grand children and great-great-grand-children will wander through.

Property owners with this type of ecosystem can protect both mature forests and the other sensitive ecosystems these forests buffer by maintaining the largest possible patches of trees, allowing natural disturbances and decay to occur, and restricting access by vehicles and livestock. Tools for permanent protection of mature forests such as conservation covenants or nature reserve designation are also available from conservation agencies such as the Islands Trust Fund and your local island conservancy. For more information on mature forests and what you can do to protect them, visit the Islands Trust Fund [here](#).



Nurse log. Photo by M. Kaarremaa.

Grants Available for Community Groups

Our Grants Administrator has compiled a list of the numerous government, foundation and corporate grants that are available to assist community groups and non profit organizations in the Islands Trust Area with their valuable community projects. The following list provides a sample of such grants currently available. As grant deadlines can change and eligibility guidelines vary, please contact each funder directly for full details.

Bookmark [this page](#) for an expanded list of grants available year round.

Funder	Grant	Subject Area	Amount	Deadline
Home Depot-Evergreen Foundation	Rebuilding Nature	Environmental stewardship projects. Covers cost of tools and building projects, native plants and trees, and other expenses	\$1,000, \$3,000, or \$12,000	Feb. 11/11
Website: www.evergreen.ca/en/cg/cg-funding.html				
Island Coastal Economic Trust	Central/South Island Regional Grants	Forestry, Transportation, Tourism, Small Business, Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture	Varies	Apr. 22/11
Website: www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/				
Island Coastal Economic Trust	North Island/Sunshine Coast Regional Grants	Forestry, Transportation, Tourism, Small Business, Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture	Varies	Feb. 11/11 May 13/11
Website: www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/				
Canadian Wildlife Federation	General Grants Program	Wildlife conservation, management, education, and research	Varies	Mar. 1/11
Website: www.cwf-fcf.org/en/action/funding-awards/grants/				
Toyota-Evergreen Learning Grounds	School Ground Greening Grant	Helps schools and daycares create outdoor classrooms	\$3500-schools \$2000-daycares	Mar. 4/11 June 3/11
Website: www.evergreen.ca/en/programs/schools/				
Mountain Equipment Co-op	Land Acquisition, Capacity Building, Research, Advocacy & Education, Access	Various conservation related grants available	\$500-\$100,000	Mar. 10/11
Website: www.mec.ca/				
Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation	Acquisition Fund	Land acquisition for conservation purposes	Varies	Mar. 31/11
Website: www.hctf.ca				

Grant Spotlight: Public Conservation Assistance Fund



Heron. Photo by Mark Kaarremaa.

If you have an idea for an “on-the-ground” community activity that will help maintain, conserve or restore native fish and wildlife species and their habitat, the Public Conservation Assistance Fund by the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation may be the perfect opportunity to fund your project. A wide variety of conservation projects are funded under this program, including but not limited to: restoring riparian areas or grass lands, building bird houses or waterfowl nesting floats, monitoring animals, planting shrubs for cover, fencing and improving winter range. Projects can be multi-year up to 5 years and groups may apply for up to \$10,000 per year to a maximum of \$20,000 per project. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire community members of all ages to be active in conservation efforts as the grant requires that your group

contribute an equal or greater amount in volunteer labour and materials. Grant applications are due May 17th, 2011 so there is plenty of time to design a conservation project needed in your community. Full details and the application form can be found [here](#).



November

Photo Left to Right: Gary Richardson, Jeff Ralph, Robert Kojima, Islands Trust participants in Movember, along with Derek Masselink, Local Trustee for North Pender Island (missing from photo). Together they raised \$890 with Derek raising \$470—more than any other Islands Trust Area resident according to the stats at Movember.com. The “Mo” (slang for moustache) and “November” unite ever year for the benefit of fundraising for prostate cancer. Much like the commitment to run or walk for charity, the men of Movember commit to growing a moustache for 30 days starting on November 1.

Staff Notes

Director of Local Planning Services to Take on New Challenge

Mac Fraser, who has been the Islands Trust’s Director of Local Planning Services for the past four years will be leaving at the end of March to take on a new role as CAO of the Powell River Regional District.

“Since joining the Islands Trust almost four years ago, Mac has made significant improvements to our planning services,” said Linda Adams, CAO of the Islands Trust. “He led the 2007 review of our local planning unit which resulted in changes to internal management structure, improved staffing levels, improvements to bylaw enforcement and important and sustained improvements to staff engagement. I am grateful for his positive contributions to the Islands Trust and will be wishing him the very best in his new role. I look forward to our on-going connections through those islands that are within the Powell River Regional District”. The Islands Trust has begun recruiting for a new Director of Local Planning Services and hopes to fill the position promptly.



Islands Trust

Preserving **island** communities,
culture and environment

The Trust Area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island, including Howe Sound and as far north as Comox. This is a unique and special place composed of 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering approximately 5200 square kilometres.

Salt Spring Island Seeks New Island Planner

In November 2010, Mark Brodrick left his position as Island Planner for Salt Spring Island to become Director of Planning for District of North Saanich.

“It has been a pleasure for me to work with Mark in the last year, particularly as we interviewed and supported orientation of several new planners,” said Leah Hartley, Regional Planning Manager. “The Local Trust Committee has relied on Mark’s recommendations through many complex development decisions and reached consensus on most including complex subdivision, marina and town-house proposals.” Mark joined Islands Trust in the Salt Spring office five years ago and has been a steadying force for the community and the office throughout this time. The hiring process to replace Mark will be complete early in 2011.