

August 21, 2007

September Trust Council Agenda Announced

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting September 12-14, 2007 at the Cates Hill Chapel Hall on Bowen Island. The public meeting starts Wednesday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. and finishes by noon on Friday, September 14.

Trust Council invites members of the public to participate in a town hall session, a regular forum to promote informal dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, September 13. Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal presentation to the Islands Trust Council at the beginning of the town hall session must receive an appointment through the Executive Committee. Please forward your request to the Corporate Secretary, including the subject, name and address of the speaker, to the Islands Trust Victoria office, #200, 1627 Fort St., Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8; fax: 250-405-5155; e-mail: information@islandstrust.bc.ca. Guidelines to help those planning a presentation to Council are available on the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

Wednesday, September 12

Planning Session – Trustees and staff from the Northern, Southern and Central planning teams will review work programs and planning resource allocation, followed by a ‘Best Practices in Planning’ presentation from the Bowen municipal planning staff.

Local Planning Services Review Update – a status report with interim recommendations will be presented by the Director of Local Planning Services.

Thursday, September 13

Delegations and Town Hall Session – Trust Council encourages members of the public to participate in dialogue between members of island communities and the trustees. The public is invited to discuss issues, ask questions and make suggestions about the work of the Islands Trust.

Prior to the delegations, a representative from the Gambier Island Conservancy will be presented with a 2007 Community Stewardship Award, honouring the conservancy’s fundraising efforts to acquire and protect Mount Artaban as a nature reserve.

BC Healthy Communities Program – Inclusive Decision Making – Council members from the Islands Trust and Bowen Municipality will participate in a workshop about effective public and stakeholder consultation.

Joint Session with Bowen Municipal Council – Trust Council will meet with members of the Bowen Municipal Council to provide updates and discuss issues of mutual interest and concern.

Friday, September 14

Business Meeting – Trust Council will consider a variety of routine business updates and decisions.

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Attached: 3 day agenda program

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