



Islands Trust

Preserving **Island**
communities, culture and
environment

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Budget 2008-2009

We'd like to hear from you

What's Inside This Package

This package details the proposed budget for the Islands Trust for the fiscal year of 2008-2009. At this point the budget is still "proposed." A final budget for 2008-2009 will be adopted by the Islands Trust Council at its quarterly meeting on March 12-14 on Hornby Island.

This package contains:

- ◆ **Budget Summary 2008-2009** – A summary of the proposed budget.
- ◆ **A Comparison of Budgets for 2008-2009 and 2007-2008** – A summary that shows where we've planned for increased costs, where we've cut expenses, and how we anticipate our revenues will increase in comparison to the previous fiscal year.
- ◆ **Budget History** – A historical outline of Islands Trust budgets from April 1995 to March 2008.
- ◆ **Budget Process and Timeline** – Two flow charts to show how the Islands Trust develops its budget each year.

The Financial Planning Committee, one of the three Trust Council committees, developed this proposed budget in an extended process that included balancing the merits and costs of many programs and new initiatives. We're now inviting members of the public to comment on the proposed budget.

- ◆ **What do you think of this year's budget proposal?**
- ◆ **Do you agree with our Strategic Priorities, as outlined in our Budget Summary? If not, what would you change?**
- ◆ **Have we struck the right balance between the need for services and keeping overall taxes in line?**

All input provided by the public will be considered by Trust Council before it adopts a final budget for fiscal year 2008-2009. Trust Council needs to receive your written comments by **March 5** so that Trustees can consider them before the budget debate begins on March 13.

You can make your comments in one of the ways listed below:

By mail or fax. Please send your comments to:

Budget 2008 Islands Trust Council

Attention: Treasurer

200 – 1627 Fort Street

Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8 **FAX:** (250) 405-5155

By email. Please send your comments to:

budget2008@islandstrust.bc.ca

Talk to one of your elected trustees: You can find the names, email addresses and phone numbers of our 26 elected trustees on the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Make a presentation to the Islands Trust Council meeting on Hornby Island in March. See our website for more information about the meeting and tips for successful delegations. Please contact Marie Smith in writing at msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca (or at the address or fax number above) before **March 5** to request a delegation appointment. Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal presentation to the Islands Trust Council during town hall session must receive an appointment.