



Islands Trust

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communities, culture and
environment

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Budget 2009-2010

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 2009-2010. At this point the budget is still "proposed." A final budget for 2009-2010 will be adopted by the Islands Trust Council at its quarterly meeting on March 10 -12 on Gabriola Island.

This package contains:

- ◆ **Budget Summary 2009-2010** – A summary of the proposed budget.
- ◆ **A Comparison of Budgets for 2009-2010 and 2008-2009** – A summary that shows where we've planned for (increased) costs, where we've cut expenses, and how we anticipate our revenues will increase or decrease in comparison to the previous fiscal year.
- ◆ **Budget History** – A historical outline of Islands Trust budgets from April 1995 to March 2009.
- ◆ **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?**
- ◆ **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 2009-2010. Trust Council needs to receive your written comments by **NOON February 16** so that Trustees can consider them carefully before the budget debate begins on March 11.

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

By mail or fax. Please send your comments to:

Budget 2009 Islands Trust Council
Attention: Treasurer
200 – 1627 Fort Street
Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8 **FAX:** (250) 405-5155

By email. Please send your comments to:

budget2009@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 Gabriola 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 **February 16** 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.