



**GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE
PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING NOTES
THETIS ISLAND MEETING CONSULTATION
Saturday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.
Forbes Hall, Thetis Island**

PRESENT:

Kim Benson, Chair, Islands Trust Council
Sue French, Thetis Island Local Trustee
Peter Luckham, Thetis Island Local Trustee
Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Janice Yeong, Recorder

There were seventeen (17) members of the public in attendance.

Andy Keir:

What is the financial impact of doubling up the number of Trustees?

David Steen:

Saltspring concern re: this issue – it's a hot political issue there. If you don't do anything, it will encourage people who don't like the trust. If it goes to referendum, it will be the death knoll to the Trust. It's a matter of place vs. people. What best serves and protects the island? Go ahead and add the two Trustees on Saltspring and discourage the Incorporation. Thetis needs to fight to hold onto the Trust – we are a model for the world.

Ken Youds:

The cost of Trustees – What cost in terms of staff time does each Trustee require?
Does support staff need to increase as well?

Doreen Lilly:

Elaborate on the impact of having two additional members from Saltspring. What sort of impact would this have on the overall Trust council given two additional members from Saltspring?

Stephanie Cottell:

If four members came from each island, could the position be rotated in terms of council representation as a way to deter the "Two tier" situation?

Joyce Bingham;

Re: the Municipality of Bowen Island – What brought about the decision for becoming an "Inc." and what is the attraction for other islands to do the same?

David Steen:

Re: Municipal Process – Heaven to Hell – Walmart-ification.

Andy Keir:

(To Kim Benson) What option do you support?

Doreen Lilly:

Re: Resource allocation – How is it decided? How is it tracked? I think tracking is really important. Who pays and how much? Who is funded, and why? What about travel time and costs? How would Saltspring's participation of additional members affect the financial resources?