



Islands Trust

Towards Excellence in Governance



The Islands Trust Council has adopted a Strategic Plan to address the challenges of the 21st century as effectively as possible. **“Excellence in Governance”** is one of our top strategic priorities and we established a Governance Task Force to focus on this important task in the current term. At this point, the Task Force is seeking ways to improve **political representation** in the Islands Trust Area. Any changes to the political structure of the Islands Trust would require amendments to the provincial *Islands Trust Act* and only the provincial government can make such changes. The Ministry of Community Services has agreed to consider our recommendations about improvements. It has shared in the costs of a Governance Review to analyze the existing situation, identify concerns and suggest options. Before making any recommendations to the Ministry, we want to hear the ideas of those who live and/or own property in the Islands Trust Area.

Please come and find out more and then let us know what you think about:

- ◆ the size of Local Trust Committees;
- ◆ the structure of the Islands Trust Council; and,
- ◆ the coordination between the Islands Trust and regional districts (currently we are focusing just on coordination with the Capital Regional District, but would like to know what you think about this topic throughout the Trust Area).

We'd like to hear from you

- ▶ Come to a meeting
- ▶ Check our web site
- ▶ Fill out a survey
- ▶ Write us a letter
- ▶ Send us a fax or an email
- ▶ Or simply talk to us

Your trustees will host public meetings where our Chair, Kim Benson and Chief Administrative Officer, Linda Adams will present information on the Governance Review and some of the options for change. This will be followed by a question and answer period and an opportunity to provide your comments.

<u>Island</u>	<u>Open House</u>	<u>Presentation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Salt Spring	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Sunday, April 29	Gulf Islands Secondary School Multi Purpose Room
Denman	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 1	Denman Community Hall
Hornby	3:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 2	Hornby Community Hall
Lasqueti	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Friday, May 4	Lasqueti Community Hall
Gabriola	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Saturday, May 5	Gabriola Community Hall
Thetis	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Saturday, May 5	Forbes Hall
Mayne	3:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	Monday, May 7	Mayne Agricultural Hall
Galiano	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 9	North Community Hall
Gambier/ Bowen	5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 10	Gleneagles Community Centre 6262 Marine Dr., West Vancouver
North/South Pender	1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Saturday, May 12	Anglican Parish Hall
Saturna	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Monday, May 14	Saturna Community Hall

For a copy of the Governance Study, to complete a survey on some of the options, or to suggest your own options, please go to our web site **after April 25** at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca and click on Governance Consultation in the Highlights Box. Send us an e-mail at: information@islandstrust.bc.ca Write us or visit our offices at:

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