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NOTES FROM PETER: At our in-person meeting on Friday, August 13 at the Health Centre, you are welcome to attend the regular Lasqueti Trust Committee meeting, and then to stay for the Community Information Meeting on our Official Community Plan, that has been given second reading and referred to First Nations and other agencies for their comments and suggestions. The Ministry of Forestry, Natural Resources and Rural Development has said that they will have comments, probably on the Crown Lands portion of the OCP. We will be happy to hear any suggestions from Lasqueti people about changes that should be made.. My view is that we need to have more about First Nations heritage protection, and to specifically include First Nations as participants with great interest in our island and our community.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send us an email or a letter, or telephone at least one of the trustees about your concern or suggestion. We really do want to make the OCP as good and as reflective of the community as possible.

On Friday, July 23 I attended a gathering at Shelter Point on Texada Island, largely organized by the Tla'amin Nation and with (I think) about 50 or 60 of their elders, along with some of the organizers of the

beach cleanup and most of the Lasqueti beach-cleaning crew, along with Dana, our community archaeologist, and Donald Gordon, who spearheaded our part of the coastwide project. Violet Roseheart sent along a lot of salad and other great food, and the Nation provided salmon and fry-bread/bannock and a lot of other good food and beverages. I really enjoyed the gathering, which included a brief tour of the archaeological site that exists at Shelter Point, and which has, I am told, convinced most Texada residents that First Nations Peoples, and specifically members of the Tla'amin Nation, lived on Texada until relatively recent times. The members of the Nation were very pleased to be gathering on Texada, as they have been in "lock-down" for a considerable time, including being confined to their homes for a period when Covid was infecting their community members. A warm, sunny day, good company and a meal shared outdoors is good for everyone's spirits.

I'm hoping that this will be just the beginning of increasing relationships between Lasqueti residents and Tla'amin Nation members, and also other First Nations who have connections with Xwe'etay. I'm looking forward to opportunities to invite them to come to Lasqueti and meet us and renew their association with the island.

I encourage everyone to read the proposed draft Islands Trust Policy Statement. It is meant to be the guiding principles by which the Trust carries

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out its mandate to preserve and protect the unique amenities and environment of the islands and the Trust area. You can find a copy on the internet at islandstrust.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/New-Draft-Policy-Statement.pdf

It's 37 pages long. If you want a printed copy, please telephone the Trust office and ask them to mail you one – 250-247-2063 (you can call 1-800-663-7867 and ask to be connected.) You can also email northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca

I think the Policy Statement needs revisions before we adopt it, and we need to hear from Trust Area residents, landowners, visitors, etc. what they think about the current draft, so we can know whether and how to change it. There will be a consultation process announced some time in the summer, and there will be additional opportunities to request changes, but I think it's best to do it now, in the earlier stages.

Thanks for your interest and participation, and hopefully support. Peter

NOTES FROM TIM: Our Local Trust Committee will hold its first in-person meeting in over a year Friday, August 13, 11 AM at the Judith Fisher Centre. This will be a regular business meeting, followed by a Community Information Meeting, where the public is invited to ask questions about the Official Community Plan revision. The next step in the process will be a Public Hearing, where we hear feedback from the community about the new OCP, before it is considered for Third Reading and adoption.

Trust Council held a Special Meeting July 8th, and decided to defer First Reading of the proposed new Policy Statement until December. This was in response to public concern over the timeline, and is designed to give more time for people to read the Draft and provide comments and suggestions. The Policy Statement is the guiding document for the Islands Trust, and as such is worthy of careful consideration. There is a lot of information on the website, <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/islands-2050/> and I'm happy to help find answers to any questions about the process or content of the new Draft.

BC Assessment is offering an opportunity for local government to have an online discussion and answer questions. I have booked an appointment for September 10, so if you have questions you would like me to ask on your behalf, please get them to me before then. tpeterson@islandstrust.ba.ca or 250-607-7094. Me cell reception at home is generally terrible, so please leave a message. Tim

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**The next meeting of the
Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee
will be held:
Friday, August 13, 2021 - 11:00 am
at the
Judith Fisher Centre
#1 China Cloud Bay Rd, Lasqueti Island
and will include a
Community Information Meeting
at 1:30 pm regarding the
Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan
Proposed Bylaw No. 98**

The public is encouraged to submit questions regarding this bylaw **in advance of the meeting**. All background information pertaining to the project and proposed bylaw is available on the Islands Trust website: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/lasqueti/projects/>.

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