

Trustee Stamford Report – March 1, 2019

Gambier/Keats Island Local Trust Committee - The next regular business meeting will be held on March 21st at the John Braithwaite Centre beginning at 10:30am. The agenda package will be available on the website a week prior.

Activities:

Gambier/Keats Local Trust Committee Meeting January 31st - Reviewed top priorities for the upcoming year. The Local Trust Committee will continue with finalizing riparian area and wetland ecosystem protection on Gambier, foreshore protection review on Keats and a comprehensive review of the Gambier Island Official Community Plan. Appropriate staffing continues to be a challenge for the TLC's projects as we are still very active with rezoning and subdivision applications with both Keats Camp and Sea Ranch as well as variance applications.

Forestry Webinar – I attended a webinar hosted by staff from the Ministry of Forestry, Lands, Natural Resources and Rural Development (FLNRORD). This was intended for locally elected representatives, but I have included a link here to the presentation as it provides some interesting information about the direction of the industry.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/57751b6b398595ee9e288baa1/files/5ce39bcc-0db6-4e99-b8b7-724e65477d31/FLNRORD_Forestry_Webinar_for_Coastal_Communities_January_2019_N_Island_Sunshine_Coast.pdf

There are more FLNRORD links and resources including contacts for the Sunshine Coast if you are interested.

Ocean Watch Task Force - Chaired two OWTF meetings this year to advance local government action items in the Coast Ocean Research Institutes summary of actions for Howe Sound including a strategic planning session in January.

Islands Trust Conservancy - As Chair this year of the IT Conservancy, I have begun working with the staff and board to advance new funding options in the support the acquisition and management of reserved lands on the Islands in co-operation with First Nations, other conservancies and private partners. I also participated in the Conservancy webinar to discuss the management plans for the current land reserves on Gambier along with several members of the Gambier Island Conservancy. For information about the reserves on Gambier Island please see the link below:

<http://www.islandstrustconservancy.ca/protected-places/places-protected-in-the-islands/>

South West Peninsula

Second Trail Sign Gone – the pottery sign at the entrance to the Mountain Road Trail in

West Bay has disappeared in a similar manner to the sign off Heron Trail. These signs were designed and erected by Morgan Campbell as a volunteer project as a beautifying gesture for the area. It is appalling that someone on the island is stealing these signs. Any information that would help in their return would be appreciated.

Roads – For new community members Capilano Highway services is contracted by the province to provide snow clearing to the primary roads (Gambier Harbour to West Bay and Grove road as well as just past the Erricos on Andy's Bay Road to New Brighton). If you have any specific issues about their clearing please contact their office directly at **1-800-665-3135**. Questions about road services in general can be directed to Joyce Clegg at jaclegg@primesignal.ca as she convenes a local roads committee with Tyler Lambert once or twice a year. Tyler is the Manager of Operations at Capilano and he can also be reached at tyler.lamber@capilano.ca.

A big thank you to Kevin for clearing the roads during these last few weeks of icy weather on behalf of Capilano Road Services.

Wolves and Cougars – indigenous predators continue to be spotted around the Island – on beaches and peering through windows. Please keep your two and four-legged family members close at all times.

New Brighton Dock – To date, there has been is no new information about when expected maintenance repairs on the pier, pylons and floats will happen. I email the facilities manager roughly once a week to inquire, but have not had a response yet. Several members of the Skwxwú7mesh Uxwumixw Council have told me they are currently in discussions about the dock and this could be part of the reason for the delay with the repairs that were expected last fall.

There continues to be no plans to change the ownership/management of the New Brighton Dock. Khelsilem, the spokesperson for the Council, has contacted me to confirm this. There is also a response from MP Goldsmith-Jones in regard to the Federal Government's further role in the facility to be found here:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/347282/gambier-dock-letter-final.pdf>

I will advocate for a local community engagement process regarding the New Brighton facility at the Squamish Leadership meeting being held on March 15th.

Islands Trust Federation

January Trust Council highlights:

http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/347158/tc_2019-01_15-16_decisionhighlights_final.pdf

The next Islands Trust Council will be held on **Gabriola Island March 12th – 14.**

See link for agenda details. The agenda package will be available on March 4th.

http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/347185/2019-03-it_tcmarchschedule_nr_final.pdf

Website Review for the Islands Trust and the Islands Trust Conservancy - Take a survey by **March 5th and enter for the chance to win an ipad.**

https://singuser98e5cae1.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_80z0J2ID50myB8N

Climate Change information for the Islands Trust Area

Trust Area Services staff have reviewed and updated the information on the Islands Trust climate change webpages:

- <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/projects/climate-change>
- <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/projects/climate-change/carbon-neutraloperations/>

The Climate Change webpage provides information about the effects of climate change, the role of Islands Trust Area forests in sequestering carbon (equivalent to emissions from 40,000+ cars annually), local and global carbon projections, adaptation information and fact sheets.

Sunshine Coast Regional District

The SCRDR has completed round one of its budget process. Here is the synopsis for the Area F islands proposed budget portion although it is expected to change:

<..\..\..\OneDrive\Documents\Gambier\SCRDR\2019\SCRDR Round 1 Area F Islands Budget 2019.pdf>

Area F Director Mark Hiltz has appointed Doug Marteinson of Granthams Landing as his Alternate Director this term. I have volunteered to sit on the Sunshine Coast Regional District Area F West Howe Sound Advisory Planning Commission to provide an opportunity for island communication with the regional district. The first meeting held on February 26th, focused on proposed changes to short term vacation rental accommodation regulations on the Sunshine Coast. Short term rental regulations, including Air B&B, are managed through the Islands Trust on Gambier and I will highlight these regulations in my next report.

Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Activities

“Return of Humpbacks, Howe Sound/Atl'ka7tsem, BC” - Here is another of Bob Turner's (Bowen Is resident) wonderful video series on the Sound.

<https://youtu.be/AmlpFWfjS2I>

Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Conservation Mapping Project – David Suzuki

Foundation. DSF is holding free workshops in Vancouver, Squamish and Gibsons for further input into their conservation mapping project. This is an exciting multi-use tool for anyone who lives or recreates in the area. For details see the link below.

<https://david Suzuki.org/project/howe-sound/>

The free workshop on the Sunshine Coast will be held on March 5 at 6:30pm at the Gibsons Public Market.

EarthWorks Film Presentation ~ 'Returning - Journey to the Salish Sea' on March 19, 2019 at Capilano University. See poster attached below

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/57751b6b398595ee9e288baa1/images/82967cd4-6d11-485e-9d1e-62ee38f3ec3a.jpg>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further details, have questions, or have additional information for me and our island communities.

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