

## January 2020 Trustee Report

### **Gambier Island Local Trust Committee – Regular Business Meeting Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30am -2:15 John Braithwaite Ctr, North Vancouver**

See Link here for agenda package <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/gambier/meeting-calendar-agendas-minutes/>

Everyone is welcome

#### **Islands Trust Federation**

Trust Council has released its proposed 2020-2021 budget for public comment.

See Link <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/348857/2020-01-24-it-budget-consultation-final.pdf>

The opportunity to provide input into the long-term direction of the Trust is still available. See Islands 2050 Link here <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/>

The Islands Trust is in the process of re-designing and modernizing its website to make it more user friendly for mobile use. The Council also continues to investigate ways of streaming meetings both at the local and the federation level. The Islands Trust is uniquely challenged by mobile and remote meeting locations that do not provide consistent internet service for the level of recording that is required for local government. This continues to be a priority for Trustees in their desire for a more public engagement at all levels as well as lessening the carbon footprint/cost of travelling.

#### **Trustee Activity**

The Local Trust Committee Met with Metro Vancouver Area A Director Jen McCutcheon, her staff as well staff from the Islands Trust. The Local Trust Area includes planning authority for Passage and Bowyer Islands that are in the Metro regional district, so we meet every other year or so to address islanders' issues. Concerns on these islands include continued parking/moorage at West Vancouver Marina, emergency services especially fire response, and the finalization of riparian area regulations.

The Local Trust Committee met with our new MP Patrick Weiler to introduce him to the Gambier/Keats area and the special purpose local government that is the Islands Trust. We discussed the importance of enforcement of federal regulations especially around fishing and the protection of glass sponge reefs around the islands. Derelict vessel and marine debris continue to be a challenging multi-jurisdictional issue. We highlighted the importance of regional initiatives such as the Biosphere and Islands Trust Conservancy priorities in the Howe Sound Atl'ka7tsem area. MP Weiler expressed interested in the Trust's First Nations Reconciliation Action Plan. I also outlined the ongoing uncertainty around the New Brighton Dock and look for his support in finding a long-term workable solution for the community.

On the Issue of marine debris and abandoned vessels, here is a link to an interim report from the provincial government about their engagement process [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/waste-management/zero-waste/marine-debris-protection/marine\\_debris\\_engagement\\_fall\\_factsheet.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/waste-management/zero-waste/marine-debris-protection/marine_debris_engagement_fall_factsheet.pdf)

## **Other news**

### **Notice in the Coast Reporter January 24th – South West Peninsula area**

“A police cruiser will be coming to Gambier Island. A private citizen is expected to provide a secure location for the vehicle, which Hallam said is “months away” from arriving. “We have calls on Gambier and the paramedics would like that,” she said of the rationale for bringing a cruiser to the island.”

*I welcome your questions and comments about activities on the islands and in the Trust area.*

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