

Trustee Kate-Louise Stamford – Islands Trust Update March 2022

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Islands Trust Policy Statement – virtual event For Gambier Islanders March 28th

A flyer was recently delivered to everyone's mailbox about the further engagement opportunities for *Islands 2050*. This is a Trust-wide process to modernize the vision and goals of the mandated high-level guide to island planning across the Salish Sea that has been ongoing since 2019. It is like a Regional Growth Strategy that is required for other communities in BC. **This is not the Gambier Island Official Community Plan.** New topics that are being addressed include approaches to:

- reconciliation,
- climate change,
- forest stewardship,
- affordable housing,
- desalination,
- docks and seawalls.

To read a draft wording of the Policy Statement and background materials please go to:

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/draft-new-policy-statement-colour-coded-july-2021/>

There are also fact sheets, common questions and other resources available at:

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/islands-2050/>

Note: not all policies apply to all island scenarios. For instance, Gambier is considered a water access only island therefore the proposed policy about restricting private docks would not apply here.

A virtual event is planned for the islands in the Gambier Island Local Trust Area (also including Keats, Anvil, Bowyer, Passage, Thormanbys, Pasleys) because it is the most equitable and accessible way to reach out across our many independent communities.

I encourage everyone to participate in updating this far-reaching document either through direct comments and/or attending the virtual event. All views are welcome, but the most useful comments are ones that are detailed, specific, and solution-orientated - especially if you disagree with certain aspects of the proposed changes.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Mar 28, 2022 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: **Islands 2050 - Gambier Island Local Trust Area**

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://islandstrust.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yppqYCeYQeO8WbVdIZdP6w

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

TRUST-WIDE POLICY STATEMENT 2 PART WORKSHOP

In response to requests for more engagement opportunities by islanders, there is also a two-part workshop about the Policy Statement on **March 22nd and 29th** that is open to everyone across the Islands Trust federation. See below for more details.

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

GAMBIER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, March 31st – 10:30 to 3:00

John Braithwaite Ctr, North Vancouver

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/gambier-ltc-meeting-2/>

The full agenda package will be available at the same link by the end of next week.

Note that there are a several building applications (sub-division, development variance permits) for Gambier being considered at this meeting.

ISLANDS TRUST STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Do you know of an islander or organization that has made a significant difference on the island? These awards acknowledge our island stars. Deadline April 18

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/stewardship-awards/>

ISLANDS TRUST ARTICAL IN THE COAST REPORTER

Finally, here is a link to an article about the Islands Trust including the 2022/23 budget which was passed on March 10th. The only caveat I have is there seems to be a misunderstanding in the article about the role of the Islands Trust Conservancy Fund Development position. This person will not be supporting projects such as the Gambier OCP work or the Water Sustainability project; instead, Carla is spear-heading strategic giving opportunities such as estate planning to support land conservation across the islands in the Trust area.

<https://www.coastreporter.net/local-news/gambier-islanders-invited-to-comment-on-islands-trusts-policy-statement-5170883>

Sunshine Coast Regional District

Fiber Optic Last Mile project for Keats and Gambier

Our flurry of support emails paid off. On March 10th The SCRD Board passed motions to apply for Coast Internet Connectivity Opportunity grants and support the 10% community contribution through Electoral Area Community Works Gas Tax Funds. If the grant is successful SCRD staff will coordinate with the island communities and develop a detailed project plan.

For background see See the Connected Coast Internet Connectivity Opportunity Staff Report beginning on page 128 of the Infrastructure Services Committee agenda package.

<https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Agendas/2022/2022-MAR-10%20ISC%20Agenda%20Package.pdf>.

Any questions, or suggestions for future Trustee Update topics please do not hesitate to contact me at kstamford@islandstrust.bc.ca

Warm Regards,

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I respectfully acknowledge that I live and work in the territory of the BOKÉĆEN, Cowichan, Halalt, Homalco, K'ómok, Klahoose, Lake Cowichan, Lekwungen, Lyackson, MÁLEXEŁ, Penelakut, Qualicum, Scia'new, selílwitulh, səlílwətaʔt, SEMYOME, Shíshálh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Sḵwxwú7mesh, SḶÁUTW, Stz'uminus, SXIMEŁEŁ, T'Sou-ke, Tla'amin, Tsawwassen, We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, WJOŁEŁP, WSIKEM, and x^wməθk^wəyám.

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Our website is: <http://www.gambierisland.org/>

Serving:

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Gambier Island Community Association

SW Gambier Fire Equipment Group

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