

## **MAY 2021 TRUSTEE UPDATE**

### **Gambier/Keats Local Trust Committee meeting**

Next meeting: May 27 10:30am via Zoom. Please see the link below for details:

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/gambier-island-local-trust-committee-meeting-community-information-meeting-and-public-hearing/>

Thursday's agenda will include:

- A Public Hearing for Riparian Area Regulations for Anvil, Bowyer and Passage Islands
- SCRD Grant-in-Aid policy re: emergency/fire suppression equipment letter
- Meetings with Regional Districts (SCRD and Metro Vancouver)
- Development Variance Permit Applications from Gambier, Keats and North Thormanby
- Gambier Official Community Plan Review update

### **Expect delays in development permit processing.**

Regional Districts and the Islands Trust are experiencing unprecedented increases in development applications. See link to the Islands Trust press release about the issue: [https://islandstrust.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-07-IT\\_Development-Applications-Delayed\\_NR\\_FINAL.pdf](https://islandstrust.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-07-IT_Development-Applications-Delayed_NR_FINAL.pdf)

### **Soft Launch of the new Islands Trust Website - <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/>**

A significant project for the Islands Trust over the past year and a half has been a complete overhaul of the Islands Trust website. The new format not only makes the website easier to access for mobile services, it has combined the Islands Trust Conservancy as an integral part of the Islands Trust federation. Take a moment to scroll through the menu items and please forward any technical issues you have to me as there are still some glitches to work out. I have been "marooned" on an unnamed island a couple of times over the past month.

### **Islands Trust Council - Virtual meeting June 8-10**

You can receive automatic updates about Local Trust and Trust-wide activities and initiatives by signing onto our subscriptions service here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/subscribe/>

As we head into the dry season I thought Islanders may be interested in some resources about water collection and dug-well development best practices.

### **Water collection and dug wells:**

This is a comprehensive piece about water collection options from Salt Spring Island. Granted that Salt Spring has significantly more complex water issues than Gambier but their expertise covers the breadth of collection options. [https://www.ssiwpa.org/wp-content/uploads/Public-Library/SSIWPA-Projects-Reports-and-Presentations/Communications-Materials/SSIWPA\\_rainwaterHarvesting\\_FinalSeptember2020\\_Web.pdf](https://www.ssiwpa.org/wp-content/uploads/Public-Library/SSIWPA-Projects-Reports-and-Presentations/Communications-Materials/SSIWPA_rainwaterHarvesting_FinalSeptember2020_Web.pdf)

### **Dug Well development best practices:**

[https://mcusercontent.com/57751b6b398595ee9e288baa1/files/0ac79309-4bc4-8693-d20c-d5bdba377996/Dug\\_wells\\_infographic\\_2017.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/57751b6b398595ee9e288baa1/files/0ac79309-4bc4-8693-d20c-d5bdba377996/Dug_wells_infographic_2017.pdf)

## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT - Ports information

Alternate Area F Director, Camilla Berry, forwarded the SCRD's Ports Capital Plan for 2021 which may be of interest to islanders.

[https://mcusercontent.com/57751b6b398595ee9e288baa1/files/b70b8ea3-26f1-3b6e-25dd-efe16bc761ba/Ports\\_plan\\_and\\_budget\\_2021.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/57751b6b398595ee9e288baa1/files/b70b8ea3-26f1-3b6e-25dd-efe16bc761ba/Ports_plan_and_budget_2021.pdf)

Any questions should be forwarded to the Regional District staff at <https://www.scrd.ca/Feedback-Form>  
The current members of the Ports Monitors Committee are:

Vaucroft - Russ Spencer

Eastbourne - Al Borthwick

Keats Landing - John Richardson

Gambier Harbour/West Bay - Joseph Wright and Bruce Pollock, Chair

Halkett Bay- Grant Henderson

Hopkins Landing - Heather Blackwood

### In celebration of the United Nations World Oceans Day:

The Howe Sound Biosphere Initiative Glass Sponge Reefs and the Amazing Underwater World of Howe Sound (from prehistoric sponges to another ancient species the six-gill shark)

June 8th online event 7-815pm

Register at:

<https://www.howesoundbri.org/our-events/2021/6/8/un-world-oceans-day-glass-sponge-reefs-and-the-amazing-underwater-world-in-howe-sound>

Any questions, or suggestions for future Trustee Update topics please do not hesitate to contact me at [kstamford@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto: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, selíiwitlh, sə́lílwətaʔt, SEMYOME, Shíshálh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Skwxwú7mesh, SʔÁUTW, Stz'uminus, SXIMEŁEŁ, T'Sou-ke, Tla'amin, Tsawwassen, We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, WJOLELP, WSIKEM, and x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm.

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