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A Community Newsletter

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Thank you,

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TRUST COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15TH – 16TH, 2020

Islands Trust works to preserve and protect over 450 islands in the Salish Sea through land use planning, a land conservancy, and programs.

Four times a year, trustees from across the Islands Trust Area meet to decide about matters concerning the whole region.

Please join us. Learn how you can watch, listen, participate in the town hall portion of the meeting, or present to Trust Council by visiting our website: islandstrust.bc.ca

Want to present to Trust Council? The deadline to apply is August 25.

NOTES FROM PETER: Not much that's concrete, or even somewhat firm, has happened over the last month, but most people at the Islands Trust seem to be pretty busy. Of course, it's the season when people prefer to take their vacations and otherwise enjoy time outdoors, which is healthy and good.

The APC met on July 27 to respond to the LCA OCP Steering Committee report, especially to see if they thought anything needed to be excluded, changed or added to the list of suggested changes, and to further refine suggestions for public engagement on the draft proposal as it moves towards being finalized. Unfortunately, the APC minutes won't be available in time for our next Lasqueti Trust Committee meeting on August 10.

Our LTC meeting will be electronic, and starting at 9:30 in the morning.

We'll receive and begin considering the preliminary staff report on the two applications for private docks in Scottie Bay, as well as work through other items on the agenda, which will be published, I think, Thursday, July 30th, 2020.

View at: islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/lasqueti/meeting-calendar-agendas-minutes/

There has been a complaint received, and a bylaw investigation begun, into a new home enterprise that might seem to be beyond the scale normally thought to be a home enterprise. I doubt that there will be a report ready from the Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement manager, who is investigating, and when it is ready, it is likely to be presented at an In-camera meeting, without the public included. Like so many things, the wheels turn slowly, but the situation will be examined and solutions that work for most people will probably be arrived at before too long. Patience is a virtue, but except in cases where there is environmental danger or damage, there is no particular need to rush.

Here are some things I've learned from the Bylaw Enforcement Manager about the bylaw process, and the role of the Local Trust Committee, you can view at www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/bylaw-compliance-and-enforcement/

And the policies and procedures are here: islandstrust.bc.ca/media/349129/tc_1995-031_551_bylawcomplianceandenforcement_po1_final.pdf

In general the bylaw compliance and enforcement process is as follows:

1. After receipt of a written complaint, a file is opened and a letter (Notice to Respondent) is mailed to the property owner, or person subject to complaint.
2. We gather information and additional statements from the Complainant if necessary.

3. Once the Respondent makes contact, we discuss the complaint and start gathering information, and what evidence they can provide.

4. We then conduct site visits to gather evidence whenever possible, but difficult for Lasqueti due to the distance travelled and expense.

5. If we confirm a contravention, we inform the Respondent of the contravention and their options for compliance.

6. We wait for the Respondent to comply, and usually we have agreed upon a deadline for compliance.

7. If the deadline is not met, we must then consider our options such as ticketing. As there is no BEN bylaw on LA, the option is a staff report to the LTC requesting direction or legal action.

Please note that given the Islands Trust mandate for environmental protection, if works are being done in environmentally sensitive areas without any permits or approvals from any agency, a demand letter from legal counsel may be sent to try and stop the work. This does not initiate legal action, but stresses that given the circumstances, that option will be put before the LTC for a decision.

And staff could recommend several courses of action.

1. LTC could adopt a standing resolution delaying enforcement on such uses.

2. LTC could request a legal opinion, and a staff report on its legal options. This would clarify better what is and is not permitted with the fuel sales and home enterprise operations.

3. LTC could request options for amending the LUB or OCP to deal with the issue. I am uncertain today about the issuance of temporary use permits on Lasqueti, but they are a useful tool for dealing with, and controlling, non-permitted uses that the community may deem necessary because of the service they provide.

As always, If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or Tim.

Our August 10th LTC meeting is electronic, and begins at 9:30. You can join it via your computer or by telephone, toll-free.

Title of meeting: Lasqueti Island LTC Meeting

Date: August 10, 2020 - Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Zoom meeting

URL to join: <https://islandstrust.zoom.us/j/67136348911>

Or join by phone:

Canada: 855703 8985 (Toll Free)

US: 888 4754499 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 6713634 8911

THE MEDICINE WHEEL



Nursing Clinic located at the Judith Fisher Centre

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Hours: Drop in Thursday from 11:00am–3:00pm

Clinic Dates:

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
AUG				6 th AWAY	
				13 th AWAY	
				20 th - IN	
				27 th AWAY	
SEPT				4 th - IN	

This month I thought I would provide a Rumi quote

“Out beyond ideas of wrong doing and right doing there is a field. I’ll meet you there. When the soul lies down in that grass the world is too full to talk about.”

Stay safe, Stay well, Be kind. Dianne

Let's Talk Trash

TIRES

Most of us have a stack of old tires kicking around our homesteads and now there is nowhere local to drop them off for recycling. Tires get damaged, wear out and then become a waste problem as they are extremely durable and non-biodegradable. They are unwanted in landfills (Nanaimo doesn't accept them) for many reasons; they waste space, they contaminate groundwater with heavy metals and other pollutants, provide breeding grounds for mosquito born diseases and home for vermin. Tires in landfills can also trap methane gas causing them to become buoyant and bubble to the surface, potentially damaging landfill liners along the way.

Piles of tires are a major risk for toxic fires which are difficult to prevent and to put out once started. After a