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NOTES FROM PETER: Trust Council will be meeting electronically June 8 through 10. The meeting schedule and agenda has not yet been announced. The agenda package will be available near the end of May or beginning of June. If you would like a preview of what the schedule and agenda package might look like, check out the agenda package for the May 26 Executive Committee meeting, which has draft/tentative agenda items and schedule beginning on page 22.

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/executive-committee-may-26-2021/>

Lasqueti Trust Committee electronic meeting is scheduled for June 21, starting at 9:30. Details and agenda package will be posted about ten days before the meeting.

The Official Community Plan revision project Staff Report from our April meeting includes each suggested change from members of the public, along with staff comments and recommended actions. Many of the public comments were flagged by staff for consideration by the LTC. I presume that we will be giving them consideration at this meeting, as we are required to meet only in public. The staff report will be part of the agenda package, but you can access it now at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/lasqueti/projects/

Click on 2. Staff Reports. It's the last report, 2021-04-26

It'll be one of the longest days of the year, unrelated to the meeting.

The LTC has received 59 emails from community members supporting fuel sales and farm/feed sales on Lasqueti, being safe, convenient and wanted by the community, and requesting that LTC not proceed with enforcement. Most were from individuals; a handful were from a household or couple. I understand that Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement have reached an agreement with the owners, and that the businesses will continue to operate.

It's pretty clear that the community will need to do a bunch of work to reconcile what we want to permit residents be able to do with what our Land Use Bylaw says. This is particularly obvious in commercial and industrial uses, and we might want to consider some possible limits to home enterprises. I'll be asking at our LTC meeting if there is anything we can do soon, or if the whole situation needs to be addressed in a LUB revision, after we've finished our OCP revision. This is very likely to be the focus task for the next term, beginning fall of 2022.

On a related note, our fees for rezoning applications are already high, especially when we consider how few customers might be served by a commercial or industrial enterprise. Our community will have to carefully consider the Trusts Council's

forthcoming request that we increase our application fees to recover more of the costs of processing applications

Finally, I've been told by several people that I should find and promote someone to continue in my place as one of our locally elected trustees. I will not be doing this. I will continue to suggest and request that each of you consider who you think might make a good trustee, and encourage that person to run in the local government elections in the early fall of 2022. I'd be very happy to have a number of candidates for people to choose from. I'm glad to provide information and advice, especially if I'm asked.

Thanks for your involvement in our community.
Peter

NOTES FROM TIM: Greetings all. Nothing new to report on the Local Trust Committee, since we have not met since the April meeting.

Trust Council will be meeting electronically June 8-10. One of the important items to be discussed is the Application Processing Services Policy and Model Fees Bylaw, which will be seeking to have Local Trust Committees change their fee structures to come closer to a cost recovery model. Presently, taxpayers as a whole subsidize much of the actual cost of applications from individuals and businesses. There likely be a Special Meeting of Trust Council in July to review the draft of the updated Policy Statement.

Our next LTC meeting is June 21st, when we will be receiving an updated version of the OCP for possible further amendment and consideration of Second Reading. Unfortunately, we are still having to meet electronically, but please consider participating if you are able to.

As always, feel free to contact your Trustees with your questions, comments, or concerns. Tim

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REGIONAL DISTRICT

I have two significant items on which to report:

Island Health “Whole Community” Vaccination Clinics – coming back by popular demand: Island Health is planning to organize a second set of vaccination clinics on Lasqueti. These will be open to anyone for the first or second dose. The dates aren't yet available, so keep an eye out for updated information.

Registration: Island Health has adapted their system, and are asking people to register in advance (which will help with their planning).

Anyone who got their first dose of Covid-19 vaccine on or before April 6 should register in the provincial system as soon as possible. This applies to everyone who was immunized on Lasqueti or elsewhere prior to and including April 6.

You can either register on line at: GetVaccinated.gov.bc.ca

or call : 1-833-838-2323 (toll free)

The registration ensures that your contact information is available so you can be reached by email, text or phone when it is time to make your appointment.

You can register yourself, a family member or friend. You can also call the above number for support or if you are unsure if you are registered in the provincial system.

New Emergency Calling Number: Coming soon – watch for updated information.