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**NOTES FROM PETER:** Lasqueti Local Trust Committee met electronically on June 21. We amended our proposed Official Community Plan, gave it second reading, and are planning a Community Information Meeting here on Lasqueti, probably on August 13. We can make further amendments, and if people are satisfied with we can hold a Public Hearing that same day, which is required before we give the OCP third reading. If people want further changes, they can be made, though this might mean rescheduling a Public Hearing, especially if the changes are not minor. Notice of the meeting and copies of the revised OCP will be available before long. After the LTC gives it third reading, it goes to the Executive Committee for their approval, and then to the ministry for their approval. Finally, when it gets through these steps, the LTC can, and I expect will, adopt it with its fourth reading.

We also adopted the Model Strategy for Antenna Systems report, which should give our community greater involvement in any consultation process to deal with an application to place an antenna system in the Lasqueti Trust Area.

The Snaw-Naw-As First Nations Woodland License draft management plan is being circulated, and public

comment is open until August 16. The management plan does not include any logging on the two Lasqueti parcels. If you would like a copy of the draft management plan, etc. please request them from Zoltan Schafer, RPF, Forestry Manager, Snaw-Naw-As First Nation at [zolie\\_schafer@telus.net](mailto:zolie_schafer@telus.net) or phone 250-720-1177 or fax 250-720-0345

Trust Council is holding an electronic special meeting Thursday, July 8th, preceded on Wednesday evening, July 7th by an electronic Town Hall session, to move forward with the Islands Trust Policy Statement revision. There have been extensive consultations, and the hope is to give the revised Policy Statement first reading, then refer it to First Nations and ministries, agencies and communities to suggest further amendments. Detailed information about the agendas for each meeting and how to participate are available at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/islands-2050/> I'll post this information to the Lasqueti web site and email list, with links so you can click your way to them, if you are on the internet.

If you want to participate (in the Town Hall session) or listen (to Thursday's Trust Council meeting) by phone you can call 833-958-1164 or 833-955-1088 Webinar ID: 670 2974 3021 Contact one of your local trustees or Lori Foster [lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca) via email if you have questions about this meeting or call 250-405-5161.

Wednesday evening begins at 6:30 with

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an information session on the process so far, and still to come, then the Town Hall session from 7 – 9pm. Thursday’s special Trust Council meeting begins at 9am and is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 2pm. Peter

**NOTES FROM TIM:** Summer is here in full force, and things have been heating up.

As Peter mentioned, the proposed Trust Policy Statement revision will be up for First Reading at a special meeting in July. There has been a bit of confusion and some conflicting statements are making the rounds as to what all this means. I hear that we may get an island mailing from some concerned citizens from other islands about the process, and the content of the revision. The good news is more people are reading the draft and getting engaged in the process. The several versions I have seen on social media contain some facts, some speculation, and some misinformation. For those who are unsure about the process, here’s a quick synopsis.

- First Reading: Tabling
- Second Reading: Discussion in principle
- Third Reading: Final discussion including any changes
- Final Adoption: Assent

In terms of public participation and consultation, I note that the Lasqueti website has a post from Peter dated May 28 2019, announcing the beginning of the process. The Islands 2050 project was part of the public consultation for this revision, and the process mandates a wider public process, as well as referrals to agencies and First Nations, following First Reading. I expect that the Islands Trust will be issuing information on some of the concerns being shared online in the next few days. In the meantime, if you have any specific questions, I would be happy to find the answers.

The LTC gave Second Reading to the proposed OCP revision at our most recent meeting. This is not the end of the process, and I will be proposing at least one amendment at our next meeting. We will be holding a Community Information meeting, where folks can ask questions, and well as a Public Hearing, where you can tell us what you like or don’t like, or

if there are things we may have missed, hopefully in August, and in person. The date will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

Whether it is the Trust Policy Statement, or our own OCP, public involvement in the process is key to informing the decisions of your elected officials. Let us know what you think at our meetings, by regular mail or email, and ask your questions and share your opinions. Tim

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**Island Health “Whole Community” Vaccination Clinics:** I want to thank our nurse Dianne, the teams that came over to Lasqueti, any volunteers that helped, and Island Health for organizing a second set of vaccine clinics on island. This saved lots of travel and allowed more access.

**New Emergency Calling Number - In service:** The new emergency call-in number is now in service, and hopefully everyone received updated emergency number cards. There was an unfortunate technical problem for a few days, and I am grateful to everyone in the LIVFD, qRD and Northern911 who worked hard to resolve the issue.

**Note:** calls for medical emergencies will be transferred to BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) dispatchers via their emergency line. This has the benefit of higher assurance of a quick call transfer. However, it also means that calls may not be