



**NOTES FROM PETER:** Our Lasqueti Trust Committee meeting was held October 4, mostly in person at the Health Centre. I participated electronically. The meeting was recorded, and it and the agenda package for the meeting are available for viewing & listening through [Islandstrust.bc.ca/event/lasqueti-island-local-trust-committee-3/](https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/lasqueti-island-local-trust-committee-3/)

- Agenda package:  
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We discussed ways that minutes of the meetings might be available within a short time, and whether there could be an index to the recording, linking the agenda items to time in the recording, to help people go to the parts that they are especially interested in.

The Islands Trust Policy Statement revision project will have a consultation process unveiled soon – at the Nov 1 – Dec 2 Trust Council meeting, I think – and will include public meetings on each Trust island, as long as pandemic regulations permit them. For information on this project see <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/islands-2050/>

The LTC accepted some of our planner’s recommendations for amendments to our proposed Official Community Plan: adding a definition of “livestock”, and changing or adding some section titles to make the OCP a bit easier to read. The rest, including many suggested changes from trustees, will be considered at our special LTC meeting December 6. OCP information, reports, correspondence, drafts, etc. are all at [islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/lasqueti/projects/](https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/lasqueti/projects/)

At Trust Council request, we discussed a new Fees Bylaw, designed to recover 80% of the costs of dealing with applications. We asked staff to prepare a draft bylaw so that we could see what the new fees would be, and compare them with our current Fee Bylaw (available at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/lasqueti-ltc-fees-bylaw-no-85/>).

We cancelled our scheduled regular meeting December 6, and scheduled a special meeting that day to discuss trustee motions to further amend our OCP; our meeting schedule for 2022; and to consider amending our Meeting Procedures bylaw, by waiving sections 19 and 20 that

limit electronic participation in meetings by trustees. Special LTC meetings can be held electronically. Regular meetings, at this time, can not be electronic, as they have to have a place, with Trust staff present, where the public can attend the meeting.

The Executive Committee is, and Trust Council will be, making recommendations for changes that will make electronic LTC meetings possible, because they take so much less time, money and energy than strictly in-person meetings. We need to make sure that there is ability for people to attend and participate in LTC meetings on Lasqueti.

Trust Council meets November 30 through December 2 in Victoria, but a couple of handfuls of trustees have expressed a desire to participate electronically, so it will be a hybrid meeting, in person and on-line. It would be a shame if a trustee brought covid back to Lasqueti after attending an off-island meeting, especially if attendance in person isn’t necessary. Details about the Trust Council meeting will be announced some time after the third week of November.

The LTC held a second annual electronic protocol meeting with the qathet Regional District, including senior staff, board chair Brabazon and Area E (Lasqueti) director Andrew Fall. Issues of mutual interest and concern were discussed. Forthcoming fairly soon is some detailed mapping of elevations of the shorelines of Lasqueti and Texada, which will give information on which we can base shoreline protection and planning and mitigation for sea level rise and/or storm surge and/or massive rainstorm events and flooding.

A year from now my term will be ending, and we’ll be going into an election for at least one new trustee. I encourage everyone to consider who they think would make a good trustee, and encourage them to consider running for the position. The job comes with a monthly paycheck (a tiny bit over \$800) and medical-dental benefits, so it’s not entirely selfless volunteer public service. I’m happy to answer questions about the job, and anything else Trust-related.

Thanks for reading this and for participating in our community. Peter



**NOTES FROM TIM:** At our October 4th meeting, we passed some of the Islands Trust recommendations in the Staff Report on the OCP review (pg. 20-21 of the agenda), and deferred others until our next meeting, which will be a Special

Meeting, held electronically on December 6th. Some of the recommendations were simple, such as providing a definition of livestock, which we passed. Others, particularly the sections that FLNRORD (Ministry of Forests, Lands, etc.) request we delete, we chose to try and get more information about before proceeding. We agreed that our December 6th meeting would deal with further potential amendments to the draft, including those from Trustees and public comments, as well as scheduling our meetings for the coming year.

We had a protocol meeting with our counterparts from quathet Region District on October 15th, and discussed the barge ramp, OCP review, Islands Trust Policy Statement update, and the qRD Coastal Flood Mapping & Adaptation Strategy. Our respective CAOs agreed to work together on the barge ramp, and we set another meeting for after next year's election.

I attended the October 20th Financial Planning Committee meeting in my capacity as Vice-chair of the Trust Programs Committee. The current draft of the 2022/23 budget contemplates a substantial tax increase, since the past practice of drawing on reserves to fund projects has resulted in very low increases in recent years, and the surplus is all but exhausted. The Committee made many recommendations to Trust Council to help reduce the budget, which will be reviewed at the December and March meetings before adoption. There will be a period for public comments on the proposed budget draft between the two meetings.

As always, feel free to contact your Trustees with your questions, comments, and concerns about these or any other issues.

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**REGIONAL DISTRICT**

The last warm rays of summer float away like dandelion seeds on the winds of the storms.

- **Communications survey:** This survey gives you an opportunity to let the qRD know how you would like the Regional District to communicate and share information with you about projects and decisions that impact Lasqueti.

It is important to let the qRD know about your views (and it will help me or any future Lasqueti regional director to better advocate for the Lasqueti community at the Board table).

Here is a link to the survey and related information:  
[https://www.qathet.ca/current\\_project/communications-strategy/](https://www.qathet.ca/current_project/communications-strategy/)

- **C3 and Economic Development:** Several times per year, the qRD Board meets with the Tla'amin Nation and City of Powell River. The discussion is always interesting. At the last C3 meeting in Oct, there was a discussion about economic development, which we generally agreed was "*the process by which the economic well-being and quality of life of a region are improved according to targeted goals and objectives*" (Wikipedia). This leads to questions about what should be the goals and objectives of regional economic development. There was also a discussion on economic reconciliation.

Right now, the qRD Economic Development service is mostly about grant funding, and Lasqueti does not participate. There is ongoing discussion about how this service might evolve. Whether or not Lasqueti chooses to participate will be a decision for Lasqueti (e.g. referendum), and will in part depend on whether or not there is any rationale/benefit for inclusion of Lasqueti.

I'd be interested to hear whether or not you think that Lasqueti should join the qRD Economic Development service provided there is some benefit to Lasqueti.

- **Climate Caucus:** On Oct 15, I attended the virtual Climate Change Summit, organized every few years by the Climate Caucus. The panel on systemic changes in local government explored the concept of *Doughnut Economics* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doughnut\\_\(economic\\_model\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doughnut_(economic_model))), which provides a tool for assessing risks and goal shortfalls in an integrated manner. This