



NOTES FROM PETER: Three Nations have asked the Lasqueti Trust Committee to meet with them: Tla'amin Nation, K'omoks First Nation, and Snaw-naw-as/Nanose First Nation. Snaw-naw-as sent us a letter asking that we not make any further changes to our proposed Official Community Plan until after we have met with them. That's the reason that our special meeting scheduled for December 6 was cancelled. Its primary purpose was to discuss possible changes to the proposed OCP.

We have not responded to these requests for meetings at all promptly. I hope that they can be held early in the new year, and this might be possible because I assume that we will all want to meet electronically, instead of in person. We accepted Lasqueti Trust Committee meeting dates for next year. All are on Mondays: February 7, April 11, June 6, August 29 and November 28. It is not decided whether these meetings will all be held in person on Lasqueti, but at the moment in person is the default until a decision is made to change.

The Islands Trust Council meeting held November 30 – December 2 made some minor adjustments to the draft budget for April 2022 through March 2023. There will be a consultation process conducted, mostly electronically I think, and results of it will be available before the March 8 – 10 Trust Council meeting, at which the Trust Council is required to adopt a budget to be submitted to the provincial government before the end of March.

Draft minutes of the November-December Council meeting should be available in the agenda package for the March meeting, shortly before the end of February. There are news releases and information on the Trust Council meeting highlights, but I can't find them. If you'd like to know where they are and what they say, contact me and I will find out where they are.

BC Local Government elections will be held October 15. Information on the process is available at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections Candidates seeking nomination must be 18 years or older on election day, Canadian citizens, resident of BC for a minimum of 6 months prior to filing nomination documents, and not be disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment. BC residents who meet the citizenship and age requirements who are

living on Lasqueti can vote, as can non-resident property owners who live in BC.

I'm looking forward to my last eight months as one of your trustees. Please contact me, or another of your trustees, if you have any questions or concerns. Peter



NOTES FROM TIM: Happy New Year to all!

Islands Trust Our Local Trust Committee cancelled the Dec. 6 electronic Special Meeting, and our next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7, at 11 AM at the Judith Fisher Centre. Under the Provincial rules at time of writing, masks will be required, but proof of vaccination will not. The meeting was cancelled based on the passage of the following Resolution Without Meeting: "That the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee cancel the Special Meeting on December 6, 2021 in order to advance reconciliation goals related to meaningful consultation with First Nations prior to considering further amendments to proposed Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 98". We will have more information about how the timeline of the OCP project may be amended as appropriate in the New Year.

In Trust Council news, the Select Committee on Governance and Management Review will meet Jan. 10, before the consultants deliver their report in Feb. . Also in January, the Regional Planning Committee will review recommendations for the proposed new planning delivery model, which is due to be forwarded to Trust Council in March. Financial Planning Committee will meet to review Draft 2, Version 1 of the budget and public consultation documents, prior to the launch of the budget public engagement process. The decisions Trust Council makes about all of these reports and recommendations may result in changes to how the Islands Trust operates, and if you are interested in finding out more details, ask me, or check out the website.

As always, feel free contact your Trustees, or the LTC, with your questions, comments, or concerns.

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The Pacific embraced us with a blanket of snow to soften the outstretched hand of the Artic.

LIVFD Dispatch: The qRD finally “rose” something from in-camera about the next steps in the LIVFD dispatch saga:

The Board received reports comparing the Lasqueti dispatch system options Amended Option C and the North Island 911 and have directed staff to develop public engagement material to provide the relevant comparative information for public understanding to be delivered in 2022.

Public engagement was part of the path forward on which the Board was able to agree on this issue (in my view, public engagement is where the process should have started 7 years ago ...). I do not know when in 2022 that this will occur, but I expect that the earliest will be in the spring.

The goal is to ask if our community would prefer:

- (a) to continue using the now-in-place Amended Option C dispatch system (including the call answer/transfer service by Northern911 in Ontario), at least for a few years; or
- (b) to adopt the North Island 9-1-1 service (in Campbell River) and associated house numbering and communications tower(s).

Voicing your opinion through this process will be important.

I will continue to try to ensure that the community is provided with pertinent information and timelines as this unfolds. In the meantime, I would be happy to continue receiving emails/phone calls on your view on whether we should continue with the Amended Option C service that is now in place, or if we should change to a 9-1-1 service.

Please feel free to contact me. I am honoured to be your regional representative.

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What can you Recycle - Lasqueti Depot

If you are new to Lasqueti or haven't yet explored the full range of our local Recy-cling Depot facility, here's a complete list of what you can and can't bring in. Consider this your cheat sheet when sorting. Setting up a recycling zone in your home is a great way to start out the New Year.

Plastic Containers – Yes:

- Plastic jugs with screw tops used for milk, cooking oil, laundry detergent and fabric softener, cleaning solutions, cleaning products, body care products, windshield washer fluid, etc.
- Plastic bottles with screw caps, spray pump, or pull-up tops for food, dish soap, mouthwash, shampoos, conditioners and other personal care products, pills and vitamins, laundry products, etc.
- Plastic jars with wide mouths and screwtop lids for peanut butter, jam, nuts, condiments, vitamins and supplements, personal care products, etc.
- Plastic packaging for cannabis product.
- Plastic clamshells - meaning hinged or click-closed topped containers for baked goods, fruit, produce, eggs, etc.
- Plastic black-bottom trays and clear tops for deli chicken, single-serve meals, prepared foods, baked goods, and housewares.
- Plastic hardware containers for items like screws or picture hangers, etc.
- Plastic tubs with lids for food such as margarine and spreads, dairy products such as yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, ice cream, etc.
- Plastic cold drink cups with lids for take-out beverages.
- Plastic garden pots and trays for bedding plants, seedlings, vegetable plants, etc.
- Plastic pails less than 25L for laundry detergent, ice cream, pet food, etc.
- Plastic microwavable bowls and cups.
- Empty plastic single-use coffee and tea pods. Remove lids and do not include lids with recycling.
- Rigid plastic packaging for toys, toothbrushes, batteries, etc. Remove paper backing and recycle separately.