



**NOTES FROM PETER:** The recording of our May 7 electronic Lasqueti Trust Committee meeting, and the agenda package, is available from <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/lasqueti-island-local-trust-committee-13/>

The recorded meeting is available directly at <https://collaboratevideo.net/MaxPlayer/default.aspx?cid=isthost&pid=vod&vid=220207B&bw=720p&webcastID=IST-220207B> The recording is 3.5 hours long, but that includes the break for lunch, too, I think.

Our next LTC meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2022

Our new meeting procedures bylaw is missing a standard for providing notice of meetings to the public, and notices when meeting times, dates or methods are changed. These notices are required by the Community Charter, and I think will have to be incorporated into all the recently amended Meeting Procedures Bylaws as soon as possible. It'll take some judgements, decisions and time.

Trust Council meets, partly electronically and partly in person in Nanaimo on Tuesday, March 8, starting at 1pm, through Thursday, March 10 about noon. The Delegations and Town Hall session will be Tuesday evening from 7 til 9. Interested people can watch and hear the meeting through the Watch Live button, or can "attend" the meeting through the "Attend" button, both of which, plus the agenda package and other information, will be available at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/trust-council-quarterly-march/> You can also listen to the entire meeting and participate in the Town Hall session by telephone, toll-free. Send me an email or call me for the phone numbers if you can't access them through the link above.

#### **Main issues that will be discussed are:**

- The budget for 2022-23, April through March. This must be adopted by Council before the end of March. Results of the public consultation process are on the Trust web site, but I couldn't find them. I'll post the link to the Lasqueti email when I find it.
- the Governance and Management Review report will be presented and discussed

- the public engagement strategy for the Islands 2050 Policy Statement Review will be received and discussed, and probably will proceed shortly.
- The agenda package for the meeting will be posted to the meeting web page (above) and to the Document Library: [islandstrust.bc.ca/mapping-resources/document-library/](https://islandstrust.bc.ca/mapping-resources/document-library/) by the end of the day Friday, February 25.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Tim, or all three of us and our planner, Heather Kauer.

Not the last reminder that there is an election for local government positions in October, and at least one new Island Trustee will be needed.

#### **Last minute addition about the proposed Trust budget:**

Just after I sent my Trustee Note to the Lasqueti Local, I opened my Trust email inbox and found emails from residents of several islands telling me and the other trustees that public reaction to the proposed budget was clearly against an increase above the proposed \$ 9m budget. Since the consultation the Financial Planning Committee (FPC) has apparently recommended an increase, to \$9.5m, for next year's budget. They are asking that I and other trustees not support this further increase. I have not seen the proposal or any information about it, except what is included here.

For now, budget information is available at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/about-us/accountability/budget/> or by contacting Director, Administrative Services, at [budget@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:budget@islandstrust.bc.ca) or 250.405.5150

You can look at the FPC agenda package for their February 16 meeting (but this is what they had to consider at the beginning of the meeting, not what they decided). <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/financial-planning-committee-regular-meeting/>

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Executive Committee meets Wednesday morning to review the agenda materials for Trust Council. Agenda package for this meeting (833 pages) is at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/executive-committee-regular-meeting-agenda-19/>

A briefing on Public Feedback on Draft 2022/23 Budget is on pages 429-30, followed by much detail. The budget recommended by FPC is on pages 660-676, surrounded by details.

The Executive Committee meeting can be accessed Wednesday 9am through:

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/executive-committee-regular-meeting-2022-03/>

If you want, you can contact all 26 trustees by email at [trustees@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:trustees@islandstrust.bc.ca)

**NOTES FROM TIM:** At our February 7th meeting, the Local Trust Committee voted to approve a waiver for road frontage on a Strata off Weldon/Rocky Road to allow the frontage to be less than 10% of the perimeter, but turned down the request to waive the minimum 20m rule. As noted elsewhere, the Meeting Procedures Bylaw still needs work, particularly language around public notice of meeting times and changes, which should be addressed at our April 11 meeting. As always, your Trustees welcome your comments and suggestions on any amendments. It seems that the OCP review is increasingly less likely to be finished before the end of the term this fall, as we seek to respectfully engage with First Nations prior to proceeding.

I have spoken to a couple people about what being a Trustee entails, and am happy to have a conversation with anyone else who is interested in running in October.

In preparation for Trust Council in March, I participated in meetings of the Regional Planning, Trust Programs, and Financial Planning Committees this month. RPC continues to work on updating best practices for planning service delivery and a freshwater sustainability strategy; TPC is focused on the Policy Statement Review, and FPC on the budget. With the budget discussion, and the delivery of the Governance and Management Review recommendations, this Trust Council meeting promises lively debate indeed. If you are interested in discussing any of these issues, please feel free to contact your Trustees with your questions, comments, or concerns.

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The Ides of March beckoning call, accelerates more daylight to us all.

**Regional Director Town Hall:** If you are interested, I am happy to share a PDF of what I presented at the Town Hall, which includes the Lasqueti-relevant parts of the qRD budget, and as some high level info on the upcoming public engagement for LIVFD asset management (trucks, fire halls) and dispatch. Feel free to request via email.

**Financial plan (draft 4):** The Board reviewed the 4th draft of the 2022 budget at the Finance Committee meeting on Feb 16. This is nearly finalized, and will be adopted in March. If you are interested, the budget is on pages 37-182 in the Feb 16 agenda available at:

<https://qathetrd.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/131533>

Looks like the total taxes that will be levied from Lasqueti will increase by about 9.1% over last year (about half of which is due to increasing inflation, and a significant part of which is due to the waste management and fire department services). However, assessment values increased on average by about 30.5% for Lasqueti, so the tax rate (per 100,000 assessed value) will drop to offset this assessment value increase.

Budgets for individual services that affect Lasqueti (e.g. waste management, LIVFD, ramp, etc.) are detailed individually in the report.

**Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department “State of Assets” Report:** The Feb 16 Finance Committee agenda also included a report on the current state of LIVFD assets (pages 209-227), including apparatus (fire engines, pumper trucks, etc.) and fire halls. The state of an asset includes its age, condition, value, replacement cost, etc. This report is worth reviewing as the numbers are large,