



NOTES FROM PETER: At our Trust Council meeting March 8 – 10 we received a report on Governance that seems like it will be very useful in changing how Trust Council functions. It is my hope that we (soon to be they) operate in a much more open way, meeting to set policy and figure out good, useful things to do, rather than to keep on receiving reports and discussing agenda items. I highly recommend that people read the report, which is available at:

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/governance-review-final-report-february-2022/>

It's particularly important that you read it if you are even considering offering yourself up as a candidate to be one of our elected trustees.

We also passed a budget for next fiscal year, starting in April and running through March 2023. Unfortunately, the last-minute call to reduce the proposed budget did not leave time for us to form an interim governance committee. We plan to do this at our next meeting, June 21 – 23, 2022.

The other major issue is the ongoing Trust Policy Statement revision, which is now doing an enhanced round of discussion and feedback, electronically and on printed paper. There will be a live, in-person Lasqueti event 11:30 – 3:30 on Monday, April 4 outside Provisions, and everyone is invited to attend to get more information and to give your feedback and ideas. Printed discussion guides and surveys are available at Provisions, or from Tim and me. They can be brought and deposited at the April 4 event, or mailed before mid-April in the stamped, addressed envelope that is provided.

Our next Lasqueti Trust Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11. We haven't had any discussion yet on where and how it will be held, but I'm imagining it will be on Lasqueti, at the Health Centre, possibly outdoors if the weather is good enough. Agenda package will be available in early April.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tim or me. It's coming up to time to consider whether you'd like to be one of our two trustees for the next four-year term, or who you think would be a good person to serve us. I'm happy to answer questions and give advice about what I

think the job requires. Thanks for your involvement. Peter

NOTES FROM TIM: Greetings all, Peter has covered much of the content of the March Trust Council meeting. The issues around the Governance review, Policy Statement amendments, and the annual budget have generated more public interest than has been seen in years about the workings of Trust Council, which is a positive thing. It is certain that important decisions about the future of the Trust and the manner in which it conducts its business will require much thought and deliberation by Trustees for the remainder of this term and the next, as well as continued interest and comment from the public.

Locally, the Meeting procedures Bylaw (Bylaw No. 100, 2022) which the Local Trust Committee approved January 20th, has some deficits, which I will propose to amend at our April 11 meeting. In particular, the sections on Notice of Meetings and guidelines for Delegations require further discussion. I thank members of the community for communicating their thoughts on these sections and suggested revisions. As always, we as your elected representatives value your input and insights, which help us to do a better job on your behalf.

With just over six months left to this term, it is clear that much work will remain unfinished, both locally and at the Trust Council level. I encourage anyone considering standing for election in October to talk to Peter or myself, staff, or other Trustees if you are interested in getting a better feel for what being a Trustee entails, how things work, or what the challenges for the organization may be. As your Trustees, please feel free to contact us with your questions, comments, or concerns on these or other issues. Happy Spring! Tim

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