



Islands Trust

Tim Peterson *Islands Trustee*

Greetings all, at our March 20th meeting the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee passed several resolutions for action by staff and the Chair. A letter from our Chair to Telus about the ongoing issues with landline phones will be sent; Islands Trust and qRD CAOs will request a meeting with the MoTI Regional Manager regarding the use of the highway portion adjacent to the barge ramp; and staff have been asked to analyze potential amendments to our Antenna Systems Protocol to make the public and First Nations consultation process more robust in the event that a cell tower is proposed on Lasqueti. The LTC approved the updated Lasqueti Official Community Plan Project Charter and deferred the update of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw until our next meeting, pending further information. Amendment of our Meeting Procedures Bylaw remains on our Active Projects list. We also tested the use of microphones and speakers to improve the accessibility of our

meetings for people with hearing difficulties, which seemed to have gone fairly well.

I am pleased to announce that Trust Council approved a Protocol Agreement with Snaw-naw-as First Nation on March 28th, paving the way for a formal working relationship between the Nation and the Lasqueti LTC. This is only the third such agreement Islands Trust has signed with a First Nation, the most recent being with Snuneymuxw First Nation in 2008. An important aspect of this agreement is the establishment of a joint working group, which I anticipate will give us an opportunity to discuss the Snaw-naw-as referral response to our Official Community Plan review, in support of our reconciliation goals.

Finally, I would like to congratulate my fellow trustee, Mikaila Lironi, on her appointment by Trust Council to the DFO Shellfish Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee. It was only last summer that Islands Trust finally got a seat at this committee, and I think her background will be an asset for this position, especially in regards to reducing the proliferation of “ghost gear” and plastic waste often associated with current aquaculture operations.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 8, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Health Centre. Please attend if you are able. As always, please feel free to contact your trustees with your questions, comments, or concerns.

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