

Islands Trust

Tim Peterson Island Trustee

Greetings all, News release from June 20: "The Islands Trust Conservancy's new Livingstone Forest covenant protects 11.35 hectares of forest and wetland on Xwe'etay/Lasqueti Island. The covenant provides important habitat for species at risk including the Northern Red-legged Frog, Western Toad, and Little Brown Myotis Bat." Chris Ferris and Doug Hopwood chose to register the covenant through the Islands Trust's Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) which will lower future property taxes on the area protected by the covenant. The Livingstone Forest covenant is the Islands Trust Conservancy's first NAPTEP covenant on Lasqueti Island.

Trust Council on Gabriola will be held June 27-29. Highlights include a session on Reconciliation with Brent Mueller, Director Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and an Interim Strategic Projects session to identify priorities until the new Corporate Plan process is completed and approved by Trust Council. Due to deadline, further information on that meeting will have to wait until next month's notes.

The next meeting of the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee is July 26 at the Health Centre. Please attend if you can, and, as always, please contact your trustees with your questions, comments, or concerns.

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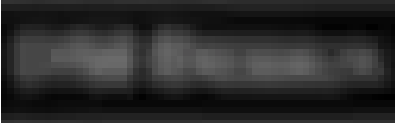
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