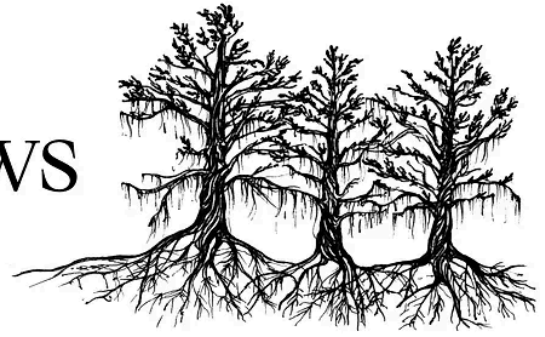


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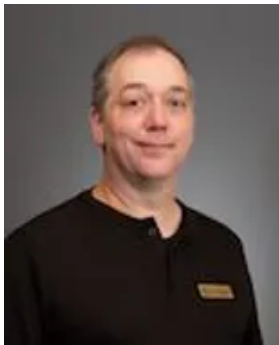
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Islands Trust

## Tim Peterson

Islands Trustee

Greetings all,

I wrote in my February report that our next meeting was May 6. In fact, we have a meeting scheduled for March 4! My apologies for getting that wrong. At the March 4 meeting, starting at 11 AM at the Health Centre, we will get our first look at the new Carey dock application (LA-RZ-2023.1) We will also be receiving memos on the Provincial Short Term Accommodations Act and new BC Housing Statutes legislation, as well as a staff report on our OCP/LUB review project. Consider attending in person or electronically.

The March 12-14 Trust Council meeting in Nanaimo will be largely focused on the 2024/25 budget, but will also include discussion of a Meeting Procedures Bylaw amendment to permit Committee of the Whole meetings, like many other local government bodies.

There will be a request for Trust Council to approve the Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Review project charter, based on the report from the Office of the Ombudsperson and the work of the Regional Planning Committee. The scope of work is to review, assess and implement the recommendations of Ombudsperson's report through changes to Trust Council policies, Bylaw Enforcement practices and procedures, and implement changes through staff training and regular communications.

The ongoing work to move to a corporate planning process continues, in an effort to integrate strategic planning and longer-range budgeting, which is anticipated to produce efficiencies and more certainty that long range projects will be budgeted to completion.

Finally, the provincial government announced on February 21 that it is pausing plans to amend the Land Act that would have shared decision-making power with First Nations. I was registered for a province-led webinar for local governments that same day, as there had been no information shared with us, but it was cancelled in conjunction with the announcement from Minister Cullen. It remains to be seen what direction the province will pursue with these important matters.

As always, please feel free to contact your trustees with your questions, comments, or concerns.

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