

Pender Post September 2020
North Pender Trustee Corner
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I would like to thank all community members who continue to take precautions around COVID, following the recommendations of BC Health. I greatly appreciate our collective efforts to protect each other as a community. As schools go back in this month, know that there will be added stresses in many households managing these changes safely. Please continue to be kind to each other and politely remind folks of your own boundaries for contact as we all manage changing dynamics of COVID management this fall.

This summer I've been very involved in working groups around the Trust Policy Statement to ensure that reconciliation and climate change lenses are brought to bear on updating our guidance documents.

Locally, my trust work has centered on our Land Use Bylaw review project. We, in the North Pender LTC, are excited to invite all Islanders, Indigenous community partners, and those interested in the protection and preservation of the unique amenities and environment of the North Pender Island Local Trust area into the initial phase of bylaw review going on between now and November. We will be hosting four special meetings on weekend dates through zoom webinars starting at 10:00am on the following dates for these specific topic areas:

September 19, 2020 - Residential Floor Area Review

October 3, 2020 - Industrial Regulations Review

October 24, 2020 - Agriculture Regulations Amendments Review

November 7, 2020 - Other Project Specific Topics (Conservation Subdivision Review, Tourist Commercial Regulation Review, Shoreline Regulations Review, and Minor Technical Amendments)

These meetings will be opportunities to provide comments and suggestions for changes to bylaws to bring them more in line with our Official Community Plan given reconciliation efforts and an attention to the climate change emergency. Written feedback can also be provided by emailing: npltcwebmail@islandstrust.bc.ca. To make the best use of this time, please ensure you check out staff reports, discussion papers and other background information on the Islands Trust webpage for North Pender Island prior to joining the meetings:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/npender/ocp-implementation-project>. Information on how to attend the meeting electronically can be found on the North Pender LTC News webpage:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/north-pender.aspx>. Thanks to all of you who will lean in to productively move this process forward as a community.

Stay well and safe Pender.