



MEMORANDUM

File No.: 6500-20-Raptor Nest DPA
Project

DATE OF MEETING: January 26, 2024

TO: North Pender Island Local Trust Committee

FROM: Brad Smith, Island Planner
Southern Team

COPY: Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Raptor Nest Development Permit Area Review Project

PURPOSE

The purpose of this staff memo is to provide the North Pender Local Trust Committee (LTC) with an update on the Raptor Nest Development Permit Area Review Project.

PROJECT UPDATE

At the Nov 11, 2023 meeting, the LTC was provided an update on project progress via a staff memo. Since that meeting, the following has occurred:

- The service contract with Mr. Baxter of Caurinus Environmental has been finalized and work is underway. The contract is expected to be completed by March 31, 2024.
- The scope of work in the finalized contract includes:
 - Data collection, analysis and ground-truthing
 - Provision of data points in a GIS format consistent with Islands Trust mapping standards
 - Summary report including:
 - Description of project scope, purpose and data collection methods
 - Summary and analysis of existing and new site specific nesting data
 - Recommendations for potential amendments to OCP nesting site mapping (Schedule O) and Raptor Nest DPA sections
- Staff are also reviewing the existing DPA provisions and will report to the LTC with options and recommendations for amendments based on this review and input from the consultant.
- Upon receipt of the GIS data files, staff will map the proposed sites and create amending bylaw maps.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to support the consultant in contract delivery and will bring preliminary results of the analysis to the LTC in a future staff report.

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