

Happy December everyone! Here is what I have been involved in over the past month.

Trust Programs Committee

At our last meeting on Nov 6, we discussed the upcoming speaker series including available wildfire webinar resources and the results of the Stewardship Education Survey. We also received an update on the “Living in the Trust Area” Project discussing the Trust Area Mailing program with 2 updated publications which is planned to go to 309 new purchasers within the Trust Area.

1. Gov't and other Services contact sheet combined with Land Use Planning contact info
2. Stewardship Tips Brochure update (Think about Trees section to provide information specifically tailored for this region on managing forests for ecosystem values while also managing for fire)

We received an update on the Trust Policy Statement status, and a reporting back from the joint working group comprised of Trust Programs and Regional Planning Committee members on the applicability of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework as it relates to the work of Islands Trust.

We discussed and set our 2024 meeting dates.

Financial Committee

We met on Oct 18 and Nov 8 to review the current budget draft that includes the Q2 spend and projected forecast for the remainder of this fiscal year. The group was walked through the various sections of the budget draft to explain the changes from the previous year and this year's budget needs, such as contracted staff wage increases, lease space increases, and technology upgrades due to obsolescence. Most business cases were in the agenda, a few are still being worked on and Financial Committee should have those soon. The draft budget will be presented to Trust Council in Dec for their review and comments. Dates for the 2024 calendar year were also set.

Corporate Planning Working Group

At Trust Council, the Project Charter was endorsed and the working group was charged with continuing its work as presented. The working group met on Nov 7 to discuss next steps in the development of the overall process, including reviewing existing policies and procedures with the CAO to identify gaps and suggest changes as needed to bring current processes into alignment with the Corporate Planning Process. The vision and mission statement work that began in the Sept Trust Council meeting is identified as an important input to any strategy work that may begin in the next year.

Reconciliation Learning Group

I missed the first meeting of this group due to a scheduling conflict, and since then Robyn Kefi left Islands Trust and took a position that advances her career. I understand that the group will continue to meet, but we're not sure who will be taking the lead at the moment.

Adam Olsen's SGIF

I have missed the last few meetings due to scheduling conflicts, but am hoping to attend the next one scheduled for December 6. The Monday, Nov 13 meeting was cancelled as it was on the Remembrance Day stat holiday.

South Pender LTC

We held our South Pender LTC on November 10. We discussed and adopted the Project Charter for the Minor LUB Amendments projects and agreed to hold community workshops to encourage community input on various solution ideas. These ideas will be collated by staff to be brought back to the LTC and passed over to the APC for review and suggestions. The dates for these events will be announced through the website and the Email Distribution list managed by our Islands Trust staff.

We set out 2024 meeting dates and those will be posted soon as well.

Best Regards,

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