

Hello everyone, thank you for your patience and understanding as I missed the deadline for my May submission. This one covers the past two months.

Committee of the Whole (CoW)

During the last Trust Council meeting, a motion was passed to allow the Trust Council to meet as a CoW which relaxes the usual formalities employed in Trust Council meetings allowing for a more open exchange of views without the urgency of a final vote. The CoW is for discussion only and no decisions can be made, only recommendations to Trust Council.

Trust Policy Statement (TPS) Amendment

The first CoW agenda and supporting documents, which are dedicated to the review of the TPS amendment, have been released. An initial review and discussion on next steps will occur at this meeting on May 30.

Chief Administrative Officer Hiring Committee (CAOHC)

We met in-camera on March 22 and April 8, 17, and 23 to discuss personal information as it applies to a position appointed by the Islands Trust. A sub-committee of the CAOHC, with a member of the Public Services Agency leading the process, reviewed the Request for Proposal responses from external Executive Search firms offering to find suitable CAO candidates for the Islands Trust position. Staff are currently in negotiations, and we will make an announcement once this process is concluded. The process to find an interim CAO has also begun.

Culturally Committed Meetings

I was present at the March 20, April 17, and 24 but missed the May 15 meeting. There were some incredible speakers, particularly Jared Qwustenuxun Williams, who was amazing as he shared about "How Food Systems Foster Culture". If you ever get the opportunity to hear him speak, I highly recommend going!

Corporate Planning Process Working Group Meeting

This group met on April 18 and May 14 and discussed the importance of having externally facilitated Strategy Planning sessions for this term and other terms going forward. We reviewed progress on the first two phases of the Corporate Planning Process including successes and lessons learnt. We also discussed the next phase of the planning process to support strategies and financials and what the next steps should be.

Trust Programs Committee Meeting

We met on April 15 and allocated funds from the Secretariat Fund to the various applicants.

South Pender Local Trust Committee (LTC)

Community Information Meetings (CIMs) - We met on North Pender on Sunday April 7th to discuss cottage and dwelling height, water storage, shipping containers, freshwater storage, and agriculture conditions of use changes including maximum number of permitted guests. The second CIM was held on Friday, April 26 and was dedicated to setback and house size, with some discussion of dwelling height and garages included in the house size debate. There was great dialogue and ideas, and it was wonderful to see some general agreement starting on some of these topics.

LTC Regular Meeting - At this meeting referral of sections of the Minor Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Amendments project to the APC was discussed. Options to address the changes to legislation that has affected "grandfathered" Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVRs) on South Pender was also discussed.