



Gambier Island Local Trustee Newsletter

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Message from your Trustees:

Both Trustee Jan Hagedorn and I continue to be fully committed to the ongoing OCP process for the Associated Islands. We look forward to completing their OCP and also working on amending the Gambier and Keats OCPs to comply with Provincial legislation regarding Bill 27 - Climate Action Charter. Sincerely, Joyce

BC Climate Action Charter (Bill 27):

The Islands Trust and the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee are working towards meeting the requirements of Bill 27 as laid out by the Provincial Government. This will be done by including GHG reduction targets, policies and actions in the Official Community Plans of the Gambier Local Trust Area by May 31, 2010. **Community Information Meetings have been scheduled for Nov. 28th and 29th as per the attachment to this Newsletter.** Pamela Shaw, BA,MA,PhD,MCIP will be hosting the meetings. She is a Contract Planner with Islands Trust and has more than 20 years experience in community planning, public consultation and land use planning. We urge everyone to attend one of these meetings as your input is important to this process.

Islands Trust Council Quarterly Meeting held on Mayne Island in September 2009:

This quarterly Trust Council was mainly focused on the requirements set out by the Province to implement Bill 27. All OCP's in B.C. must be amended by May 31, 2010 setting island targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. There was also a discussion and the adoption of a Strategic Plan for the Islands Trust. Further details of this Trust Council are available at www.islandstrust@bc.ca

The **December Quarterly Trust Council** will be held on Salt Spring Island and will feature the 35th anniversary of Islands Trust. The celebration will include a special dinner of island-grown food. This will be followed by a live auction of donated articles from artisans of various islands. Donations from the Gambier Trust Area will be gratefully accepted, with proceeds going to assist island conservancies in protecting fragile ecosystems on the Gulf Islands through the Islands Trust Fund's Opportunity Fund. Please contact one of your Local Trustees with donations.

Highlights of July, September and October Local Trust Committee Meetings:

These meetings have seen a variety of business items on the agendas, including recommending the approval of several Development Variance Permits, the adoption of the amendment to Keats Land Use Bylaw No. 78, the appointment of the Gambier Advisory Planning Commission and continuation of work on the OCP for the Associated Islands. A Special LTC Meeting was held in late participation by September, focusing entirely on this OCP.

There was good participation by property owners of these islands at this working session.

Island Roads:

Reminder, if you require assistance from Capilano Highways (our road contractor) or have any road concerns in your area, please contact them at 1-800-665-3135 or by email: info@capilanohighways.ca

Update on the Langdale Float:

As you may be aware, BC Ferries has extended the closure to November 30th, with further extensions anticipated if the SCRCD can reach mileposts imposed by BC Ferries. Currently the SCRCD is in the process of hiring a consultant whose first job will be to prepare a design and cost estimate. Then the next project will be to determine what permits etc. are necessary from the various agencies, i.e. DFO, Ministry of Environment, First Nations etc. All these things must be in place before any funding can be acquired. We are optimistic that all the hurdles can be met and a new float will be in place sometime in mid-2010.

Are you a Transit Rider on the Sunshine Coast?

The Sunshine Coast Regional District is offering a subscription service that provides up-to-date service announcements to their customers. These announcements would include information pertaining to bus re-routing, cancellations or delays due to snow and other road conditions (highway closures due to motor vehicle accidents etc.). Information on how to subscribe is available at www.scrd.ca. The SCRCD is attempting to curb the spread of H1N1 flu by installing hand sanitization stations on all their buses.

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