

Message from your Trustees

There have been huge amounts of community spirit and willingness to get involved and have your voice heard. This is the largest geographical area in the Islands Trust Area and I want to thank everyone who has done their part in putting their voice forward individually and as community groups, contributing positively to the larger community. I have set aside the last two weeks in August to continue to visit the Islands in the Gambier Trust Area and look forward to connecting. With thanks Jan

Highlights May June Local Trust Committee Meetings:

The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee reviewed proposed changes to the draft Associated Islands Official Community Plan. You can follow the link below to access the June 2009 draft OCP under Latest News: Input is welcome.

<http://www.islandtrust.bc.ca/ltc/gm/default.cfm>

July 2nd Thormanby's had a site visit by Trustee Hagedorn, Trustee Bell, and staff planners Sonja Zupanec and Marnie Eggen. A big thanks for those that connected with us and shared information and issues. It was a great trip.

A Public Meeting was held re proposed Bylaw #108 to amend the Keats Land Use bylaw. 2/3rd reading will be considered at July 23rd Local Trust Committee meeting in Gibsons.

Update on Proposed Langdale Float Closure:

Since the April Newsletter, countless community members, staff at the Sunshine Coast Regional District and Trustee Clegg have done much work on the float issue. The SCRCD has now started to apply for funding from both the Provincial and Federal governments to construct a new float.

Proposed Disposal in Halkett Bay

The Island Trust has been included as a marine referral agency for a proposed disposal application in Halkett Bay. Our Island Planner has responded with a technical response including Islands Trust policy on artificial reefs as well as how Gambier's Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw address the proposal. Contact Sonja Zupanec at 250.247.2203 or toll free through Enquiry BC at 1.800.663.7867



A highlight for me at the top of Mt Artaban with others, appreciating the contributions a community effort can make now and for future generations. We were given insight into the history of the Nature

Reserve and its ecological value, and feedback was received regarding the future management of the property.

Join Us at the Official Opening August 22

Join us on August 22 for a brief ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Nature Reserve, after which you are welcome to hike the summit with the Islands Trust Fund and the Gambier Island Conservancy. Bring your Mt. Artaban stories and your hiking boots. Light refreshments will be provided.

Mapping

Howe Sound residents are playing an important role in mapping their island ecosystems. This summer ecologists working for the Islands Trust Fund are contacting landowners for permission to visit their property to verify air photo information. This ecosystem mapping project identifies natural island habitats needed by at-risk species. The site visits helps community members, planners and decision-makers plan for the future of the islands and gives landowners an opportunity to learn more about their properties.

For more information on the ecosystem mapping activities in the Howe Sound, or the upcoming Regional Conservation Plan, contact the Islands Trust Fund at (250) 405-5186 (Victoria) or toll free through Enquiry BC at 1-800-663-7867 (604-660-2421 in Vancouver), or visit online at www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca.

Burning Restrictions found at this link.

<http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp>.

Change to Motor Vehicle Regulations, effective June 1, 2009:

For those of you who have a Gator or similar type utility vehicle, an Operation Permit or ATV Permit is no longer required prior obtaining ATV insurance from ICBC. This does not apply to "sit astride models" as they are not acceptable on Provincial highways.

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