



## **SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS FORUM**

**Monday February 14th, 2022**

**8:30 am by Zoom**

**In attendance:**

- Adam Olsen, MLA SAN
- Peter Luckham, Trustee, Thetis Island  
Jane Wolverton, Trustee, Galiano Island
- Laura Patrick, Trustee, Salt Spring Island
- Steve Wright, Trustee, South Pender Island
- Deb Morrison, Trustee, North Pender Island (arrived at 9:02 am)
- Gary Holman, CRD Director, Southern Gulf Islands

**Staff:**

- Laura Parker, Office of MLA Adam Olsen

**Guests:**

- None

**Minute Taker:**

- Lori Foster

### **1. Welcome/acknowledgement**

MLA Olsen started the meeting at 8:31 am.

### **2. Check-in – new attendees**

Attendees present as shown.

### **3. Discussion**

#### **Issues for this meeting**

MLA Olsen asked those present to weigh in on current items and/or concerns.

Discussion ensued on:

- A polarized political landscape and libertarian sentiment regarding the current occupation by truckers in Ottawa and opposition to federal vaccine mandates,
- Southern gulf islands constituents not feeling communicated with and responded to in a timely manner regarding local issues,

- Political entities becoming less effective and more about partisan interests,
- The Charter of Rights and Freedoms should include “responsibilities” that one group doesn’t infringe on another i.e. truckers honking horns infringing on community rights to quiet,
- An organized group with deep pockets from North Pender and other islands funding flyer mail outs building momentum to get rid of the Trust, should not be ignored,
- That the public gets a message that no level of government is willing to deal with their concerns.

#### 4. Next Steps/Action Items

**Next Meeting** – Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> is a half day meeting – 8:30 – 12:30

Representatives from Transport Canada and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority will attend to present and discuss Marine policies in the Salish Sea

**Next regular meeting** (second Monday of each month):

Monday April 11th, 8:30 – 9:30 am

#### ACTION ITEM

**a.)** It was suggested that the North Pender LTC weigh-in (to Minister Osborne and MLA Olsen) on the request by Magic Lake owners to fund a governance study.

A request by Magic Lake owners association on North Pender has gone forward to the Capital Regional District (CRD), with support from CRD board members David Howe, Paul Brent and Gary Holman, a request which could eventually go to the province to fund an incorporation study for Magic Lake area.

MLA Olsen has been copied by the Magic Lake association on this item.

Communication and/or a poll with Magic Lake owners from the NP LTC regarding taxes, jurisdictional responsibilities and the governance study process was discussed.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 am.

