

Southern Gulf Islands Forum - Meeting Agenda

Friday July 30th 2021, 12:30 – 1:30pm

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- **1:30 – 1:35: Welcome/acknowledgement** (5mins)

- **1:35– 1:40: Check-in – new attendees** (5mins)
 - Jane
 - Gary
 - Deb
 - Laura
 - Adam
 - Alexa
 - Clare
 - David
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- **1:40 – 2:15: Discussion** (35mins):
 - ACTION ITEMS from last meeting, June 25th:
 - “draft a letter in coordination with what Robert Lewis-Manning is writing to the Federal and provincial govts”
 - *Awaiting reply from Robert*, where he is at with his letter, *I emailed him on the 27th*
 - *Adam: has connected w/Murray re anchorages – and*
 - *A. has recd a letter from Paul Manly that he will be signing*
 - *A will send on to Forum folks to see if they want to sign on*
 - *Elizabeth: met w/Omar Alhabra - progress being made, hope to update her soon – but hasn’t heard back from them yet*
 - re: letter from this group to Minister of Transportaion on June 24th, “Subdivision of James Island” - emailed Ministry July 27th requesting a follow-up response - *awaiting their reply*
 - *Rec’d it this morning: “the Bare Land Strata Regulations allows approving officers to deny an application for a bare land strata plan that is against the public interest, the Provincial Approving Officer has not received a formal subdivision plan for approval... If one is received the PAO will consider your comments and other submissions regarding public interest before making a final decision.”*

- *Laura – shared meeting with owners of the xx*
 - *Let them know IT position has not changed*
 - *Owners will write to IT*
 - *Gary - ?ins are Tsawout legal actions?*
 - *Adam – yes – specific claims but never filed – in hopes that govt would take it over and purchase it.. As less than an legal battle...*
 - *Adam really believes that the owner is really not planning to have a development on this property.. It's for the government to buy it*
 - *Gary – also noted that IT applied to the province to get development xxx*
- Issue(s) to work on:
 - IT re policy changes etc...
 - Yes, they agreed – need to put simple graphics of
 - Gary in chat at 2:20 - “My apologies everyone, I have to go just before 2:30. One issue I wanted to raise is the possibility of a regional approach to foreshore management. Laura, Elizabeth and Adam have discussed before. I need to clarify what might be the beginnings of a regional initiative at the CRD brought forward by Central Saanich. Whether this group has a role to play in the issue is not clear, but I think it would be worth a discussion at some point.”
 - Adam – will be good to put on the agenda for the September meeting
 - From Deb - “Also low flying aircraft are an issue for us.”
 - And I was also curious about foreshore mngt in the sanctuary zones just for influence from top of land to water mark.”
 - And upslope within the sanctuary zones.”
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 - Elizabeth – would be best to bring up sooner than later because of impending election
 - Under Oceans Act it calls upon better management – has never been implemented
 - Suggests calling upon municipal, IT etc.. Writing letters to governments
 - Adam – John Roe could come and talk – Dead Boats society – could talk in context of that
 - Clare – has a research doc that was done by WestCoast Law that she’ll share with me.. For me to compile stuff for Sept mtg
 - As well as inviting xx from IT
- Other:
 - Re: Islands Trust [Secretariat Support Services](#), use of \$3000 awarded funds for this group **Clare spoke to all of this**
 - Clare Frater is looking into securing a note-taker for each meeting

- Clare is also looking into securing a Facilitator, for the next ½ day meeting
- Re: website services – once we have content to put up, she will co-ordinate with someone in the Forum to work with on it
- Adam has offered his Constituency office to host the next ½ day meeting
 - funding will be used to provide food and beverages
- Re: next ½ day meeting (last one was March 30th), September 24th, choose the time of day, either:
 - 9:00 – 1:00
 - **Deb, Jane**
 - or
 - 12:00 – 4:00
 - **Jane ok with this time too**

Note: September 24th was chosen because it was already scheduled as one of the regular last Friday of the month meeting dates

Noted that during the day is an issue to many but Yes we'll stay with this date – people with send their preference of the time

- Re: December 31st, our regularly scheduled meeting
 - best to cancel, as there is no alternate Friday available to meet that month

○ **2:15 – 2:30 pm: Next Steps/Action Items (15mins):**

- Next regular meeting (last Friday of each month):
 - Friday August 27th 1:30 – 2:30pm
 - Next host?
 - ...?
- Other:
 - From Adam: Bring up Housing next time...
 - From Deb: “low flying aircraft are an issue for us.”
 - Jane: jet skis in Active Pass
 - Jane: ferry wakes causing high tide erosion – Galiano
 - Adam: WSANEC council will be interested that this is a concern to folks on Galiano as well because they have brought it up.. So good to have others bringing it up
 - Adam: said Mark Collins will not admit or take on the impact of wake