



## NOTES from Monday January 9, 2023 – 8:30 – 9:30am

- **8:30 – 8:35: Welcome/acknowledgement** (5mins):
- **8:35– 8:40: Check-in – new attendees** (5mins):
  - Attendees:
    - Jeanine Dodds, Lisa Gauvreau, Ben Mabberley, Dag Falck, Gary Holman, Laura Patrick, Kristina Peszel, Elizabeth May, Paul Brent, Adam Olsen, Tobi Elliot, Tim Peterson,
    - Staff: Laura Parker – note-taker
- **8:40 – 9:15: Discussion** (35mins):
- Issue(s) to work on:
  - **Dag:** any update on the DIP on Pender?
    - **Adam:** I was to meet w/Mike Pearson prior to Xmas but had to cancel due to snowstorm - so meeting this aftn. Will also be getting info. re: SSI - and review of road safety and improvements on all islands with MoTI - **ACTION ITEM**
  - **Kristina:** clarification of ALC – applicant has put something in – process is long – why and what can we do?
    - **Adam:** it is an independent body, so it will take as long as it takes - but our office can inquire/nudge to help it along. Have constituent contact our office.
  - **Elizabeth:** Anchorages and Derelict boats
    - Bill C33 – new power to the Minister to direct on anchorages
      - And emphasis on Indigenous consultation
      - I encouraged Ben McConchie & alliance groups to come to Ottawa to testify
      - **Laura:** issues in Ganges Harbour on liveboards
        - **Elizabeth:** yes, bring these forward –even contacting media that it is an issue to Ottawa sees there are issues
      - **Gary:** huge undertaking for local govt to step in – should be a local management person/office available for people to connect with – properly managed it is a good source of housing
      - **Adam:** has been issues with Min of Forests responsible for foreshore leases – Central Saanich & Tsartlip band put in to manage mooring bouys, etc. in Saanich inlet. Is an issue in Tsehum Harbour too – agree that Feds have authority but not managing

- District of Central Saanich and Tsartlip met at UBCM to talk about lease – so machinations going on re: the whole issue – needs more proactive response Federally.
- **Elizabeth:** W/budget in the Spring – expect to see new registration mandates for recreational vehicles – creation fund to get derelicts out of waters
  - asks that Trustees help push for this
  - **Adam:** Elizabeth & I met re: derelict vessels – we are in the planning stages of having a press conference - **ACTION ITEM**
  - Gary:** (put in chat) *“The 3 municipalities on the peninsula have established a shared harbour service but does not extend into management - could provide a framework, but liability a key constraint.”*
- **Elizabeth:** COP15 – dramatic strong language on Canada
  - **Laura:** *provided this info – but **was not discussed in this meeting:** [“Congress Takes Action To Elevate Puget Sound Recovery”](#) Dec 20, 2022 - The Nature Conservancy - **ACTION ITEM***
    - *“Washington state leaders in Congress who have been working for years to advance Puget Sound recovery efforts. [In December]... [Key provisions of the PUGET SOS Act](#) passed - recognizes Puget Sound as a nationally significant body of water - establishes a Puget Sound Recovery National Program Office within the EPA - codifies the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, an agreement between nine federal agencies and cabinet...”*
- **Gary:** Has a way forward on tiny homes been clarified?
  - **Paul:** need moving forward progress on Tiny House solutions as Housing is #1 issue. Thought there was a group getting together?
    - **Laura:** Deb and her were going to f/u on this – to draft an approach – for full time residential use - **ACTION ITEM**
  - **Adam:** Laura Patrick & I met on this – BC govt tells me they can build them – I've requested mtg w/new Min. of Housing, Ravi Kahlon, to discuss - also new Min of Municipal Affairs, Anne Kang - **ACTION ITEM**
  - **Paul:** I'd like trailers allowed, liveaboards, expand-work around to provide more and affordable housing - is massive problem
  - **Adam:** he's asked Premier Eby re: housing as a human right – yes, he agrees it is
    - **Laura:** RIEP conference in April to discuss rural issues. We need to have a housing strategy in our area
- **Adam:** Fallow Deer is an issue high on his radar – will be mtg w/Min. Cullen re: biodiversity – is opportunity of prov govt. He will engage his father whose been working on this too - **ACTION ITEM**
  - **Jeanine:** CRD has stepped up to work on this as well

- **Gary:** (put in chat) “CRD is establishing a service to manage geese in the region but have not included (and should) deer.”
  - **Adam:** was on SSI on Friday – met with nurses – very concerning issues with their working conditions, short staff, overtime – he has a call in with Island Health
    - **Elizabeth:** she's met with and helped with fundraising for emergency department – agrees it is critical situation – will need more nurses and housing for them as well
    - **Paul:** agrees health issues critical throughout our district
  - **Jeanine:** Swartz Bay Ferry terminal – concern back up of traffic when very busy – safety – traffic control – need to have permanent flaggers. Happens at other terminals as well
    - **Adam:** agrees – has been in contact w/BC ferries – he raised issue as impacts on all the islands – he suggested that there be separate ferry for building materials and trades people
      - He also brought up inequity of cost for Galiano
        - **Ben:** used to have a resident's card ( ~30+years ago?) there are all sorts of alternative to deal with this
    - **Paul:** (put in chat) “*Maybe BC Ferries may equalize fares by doubling fares from the SGIs to Swartz Bay!*”
    - **Gary:** (put in chat) “*BCF now considering allowing commercial vehicles on dangerous cargo sailings on Crofton-Vesuvius sailings.*”
    - **Adam:** all on his radar and will continue to raise it with BCFerries
  - **Laura:** found out from Emcon that MoTI used to contact people re: their driveways into road – they are no longer doing so
    - **Ben:** agrees – it would be nice if Emcon would take care of the roads, so we don't have these issues.
    - **Adam:** when writing to MoTI on these issues – they want to hear how contractor Emcon is doing and when issues - Cc my office on this as well
  - **Ben:** of course all issues cost money – we need to prioritize to get things done
    - **Adam:** agrees as so much going on – and we'll all keep working together
      - I am holding Community meetings this March – would like to host with Gary and Paul – so can bring up provincial and CRD level issues with Constituents.
      - Please everyone keep an eye out for dates we will be on your island. Perhaps in the future we can hold joint meetings with Island Trustees.
- **9:15 – 9:30: Next Steps/Action Items (15mins):**
  - Next regular meeting (second Monday of each month):
    - Feb 13, 2023, 08:30 AM
      - Would anyone else like to host?
      - Note-taker needed

- **Did not discuss at this meeting:**
  - 2 upcoming meeting dates:
    - Monday March 13 - is the date for the regular monthly meeting in March.
      - March has been when the first of two half-day meetings are held for the year, prior to the fiscal year end of March 31<sup>st</sup> for Islands Trust.
        - Do you want to hold the half-day meeting on this date?
          - Does 8:30 – 12:30 work for everyone?
    - Monday April 10 - is the date for the regular monthly meeting in April - it is a holiday - Easter Monday – therefore cancel meeting in April.
      - Do you want to reschedule to another Monday in April?
  
- **ACTION ITEMS:**
  - Adam: provide update on the DIP on Pender – post mtg w/Mike Pearson
  - Adam or Elizabeth: re: *“Elizabeth & I met re: derelict vessels – we are in the planning stages of having a press conference”*
  - Laura provided this info last mtg but was not discussed: [“Congress Takes Action To Elevate Puget Sound Recovery”](#) Dec 20, 2022 - The Nature Conservancy
  - Laura & Deb have been planning to draft an approach re: tiny homes – for full time residential use
    - Adam: mtg w/new Min. of Housing, and new Min of Municipal Affairs
  - Adam: Fallow Deer - mtg w/Min. Cullen re: biodiversity
  - Laura Parker to reach out to Gary, Paul, Elizabeth, Adam to meet on local anchorages – could plan this as the main topic of March ½ day meeting.