



NOTES from meeting: Monday October 16, 2023 – 8:30 – 9:30am

Attendees:

- Gary Holman, Dag Falk, Laura Patrick, Paul Brent, Adam Olsen, Alexa Lewis, Mairead Boland, Mike Richards - Acting Program Coordinator at Islands Trust, Ben Maberly, Timothy Peterson, Laura Parker - notetaker

Discussion:

- While waiting for people to join in, **Adam brought up the work being done on Bill 35, the Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act** – attendees carried on conversation that housing issue is critical
 - **Paul:** need Tiny Homes, trailers,
 - **Laura:** though sewage is issue of concern
 - **Mairead:** brought up Magic Lakes as good example of community/homes
 - **Paul:** another good example is Summer Gate Village
 - **Adam:** majority is seniors – very accessible, good use of land (density)

ACTION ITEMS from 09/11 half-day meeting – follow-up in black

- **Elizabeth's Office:**
 - Draft letters that can be shared and signed by other elected representatives:
 - Marine Item Levy
 - A First Nations Port Authority (Pending Adam's conversation with the W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Council)
 - **Adam:** am on agenda w/working group – re: harbour authority for first nations
 - Has meeting tomorrow w/them - will f/u with group thereafter
 - "Advocacy Letter Transport Canada RE Bill C-33" to the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez
 - **Alexa:** letter sent to Minister Rodriguez, federal Minister of Transport **10/12**
- **Adam's Office:** Meet with the Southern Gulf Island Tourism Partnership - Topics: Regional equity and Affordable housing - Meeting was held 10/13 - **Did not have time to discuss**
- **Rural Island Communities Approach:** Adam's Office to draft a letter to identify the need for a rural island communities' approach that touches on housing strategy, transportation, governance (MUNI) - **Did not have time to discuss**
- **Communication between Islands Trust Members:** Islands Trust Members to share positive policy developments on their islands with Adam's constituency office, which will then be distributed to all trust members to improve communications. - **Did not have time to discuss**

- **Abandoned Vessel Remediation Fund:** Specifics of the program are still being discussed. Potential to influence the structuring of this program. - Did not have time to discuss

Issue(s) to work on:

- Discussion about an SGI Forum website - Did not have time to discuss
 - **From Mike** in Chat: *"Apologies Laura. I have another meeting I must attend at 9.00. Good to see what goes on here though. I'll be speaking with Clare about the website later today. Cheers, Mike."*
- Talked about need for **National Marine conservation** authorities to be under one roof – Fed & Prov. Environment, Fed & Prov. Parks, Fed & Prov. Conservation service,
 - **Dag:** would like list Adam said above – also questioned re: FNs and current regulators acceptance of
 - **Adam:** eg. DFO controls amount of herring taken, what is environ. impact, stewardship...
 - **Gary:** liveaboards re: housing and marine areas – people are against
 - Ganges Harbour may become a pod under emergency services
 - **Ben:** DFO came over – did tour re: liveaboard issue – DFO had no idea – estimate 250-300 – 90% don't have holding tanks etc. – therefore need f/u meeting to determine how do we service this community until service in place? – e.g. at Ganges could dedicate a dock for them – most of pressure comes from upland owners who don't want to see this
 - **Adam:** need pump out services - E.g. Butchart Gardens gave Tsartlip their pump out boat, without the pump so they are looking into getting a pump
 - **Gary:** Ganges has – and offered as free service – uptake was low probably because boats don't have holding tanks
 - **Adam** – thinking because no enforcement of regulations - thus the discussion re: getting FNs involved as a port authority
- **Adam asked – are there any other issues** on the islands that he can bring forward now that he is back in session?
 - **Ben:** MoTI – line painting
 - **Gary:**
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 - Also need standards in electoral areas for housing
 - **Adam:** he spoke w/Min. Kalon about the secondary suite grant program and ensuring there are available on gulf islands
 - **Timothy:** spoke w/Premier at UBCM - why is islands trust not included in supporting like municipalities, regions, etc. - eg why is secondary suite included?
 - **Mairead:** and yet this is in the '90's protocol agrmt.
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 - **Mairead:** need to look at Acts and Regs in Islands Trust agrmt

Next Steps/Action Items:

- **Next regular meeting (usually second Monday of each month):**
 - **CANCELLED:** November 13 - is a holiday in lieu of Nov 11 on a Saturday
 - **December 11, 8:30 – 9:30**

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- Make next meeting about Islands Trust not being included in provincial support as municipalities, regions, etc., are - Need “further advocacy with the province”

- **PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS:**
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