



# News Release

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## **September Trust Council Program Announced**

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting September 15-17, 2009 at the Agricultural Hall on Mayne Island. The public meeting starts Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00 p.m. and finishes by 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 17.

The 26-member Council makes decisions about overall policy, staff resources and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate. Trust Council invites members of the public to participate in a town hall session, a regular forum to promote informal dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16. Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal presentation to the Islands Trust Council at the beginning of the town hall session must receive an appointment through the Executive Committee. Please forward your request to the Corporate Secretary, including the subject, and the speaker's name and address, to the Islands Trust's Victoria office by Tuesday, September 1. Guidelines to help those planning a presentation to Council are available on the Islands Trust website at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/addresstips.cfm>. Please note that the Islands Trust Council does not make local land use decisions, which are the responsibility of the local trustees within their respective local trust area. A copy of the agenda package for the September Council meeting will be available for viewing at our Victoria, Salt Spring and Gabriola offices after September 10.

**Trust Council Sessions** will include:

### **Tuesday, September 15**

**Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through Land Use Planning** – This session will provide trustees with an overview of options for complying with Bill 27 – BC's legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the local government level. Provincial legislation requires all local governments in BC, including local trust committees and island municipalities, to amend their Official Community Plans (OCPs) by May 2010 to include targets, policies and actions intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Trustees will review inventories of greenhouse gas emissions for each local trust area and will consider options for amending island OCPs.

### **Wednesday, September 16**

**Land Use Planning Session** – Trustees will review work programs and priorities with trustees and staff from the Northern, Southern and Salt Spring planning teams and will discuss ways to accommodate OCP amendments related to greenhouse gas emissions.

**Strategic Planning Session** – Trustees will have an opportunity to review and discuss adoption of a strategic plan for the 2008-2011 term. A draft plan has been developed, based on previous discussions about priority objectives at Trust Council and during Council Committee meetings.

**Delegations and Town Hall Session** – Trust Council encourages members of the public to participate in dialogue between islanders and the trustees. The public is invited to discuss issues, ask questions and make suggestions about the work of the Islands Trust.

**Information and Decision Items (September 16 & 17)** – Trust Council will consider a variety of routine business updates and decisions and will review recommendations from each Council Committee regarding its proposed work program for the coming quarter. Highlights include adoption of the 2008-2011 Strategic Plan and a program to focus organizational efforts on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through land use planning programs.

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*Attached: 3 day agenda program*

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## September 2009 Islands Trust Council Agenda Program

Location: Agricultural Hall, Fernhill Road  
 Miner's Bay – Mayne Island

Aug 11/09

	Tuesday, September 15	Wednesday, September 16	Thursday, September 17
<b>A.M.</b>		8:30 – 11:00 <b>Planning Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Practices in Planning</li> <li>• Team Meetings</li> </ul> 11:00 – 11:15 Break 11:15 – 12:15 <b>Strategic Planning Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Plan Approval</li> </ul>	8:30 – 9:45 <b>**Closed Meeting**</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAO Update</li> <li>• Litigation Update</li> </ul> 9:45 – 10:00 Break 10:00 - 11:30 <b>Decision and Information Items</b> – cont'd 11:30 Meeting adjourned (approx)
<b>P.M.</b>	1:00 <b>Call to Order/Notice of New Items</b> 1:05 – 5:00 <b>Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through Land Use Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• GHG Reduction Targets</li> <li>• OCP Policies and Actions</li> <li>• Discussion</li> <li>• Decision</li> </ul> 3:00 – 3:15 Break	12:15 – 2:00 Lunch (Japanese Gardens Tour) 2:00 – 3:00 <b>Delegation and Town Hall</b> 3:00 – 5:30 <b>Decision and Information Items</b> 4:00 – 4:15 Break	

\*\* Members of the public are invited to attend all sessions except any closed meeting and meals.