

# Gabriola Community Land Trust Purpose and Objectives - DRAFT

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Gabriola Community Land Trust (GCLT) is to benefit Gabriolans and relieve poverty by acquiring and stewarding land on Gabriola Island under a community ownership model that promotes long-term community benefits, affordability and sustainability, and enables democratic local planning.

## **Objectives**

In order to achieve its purpose, the GCLT will:

- 1) Recognize that we live and work in the unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation and carry out all activities in consultation with the Snuneymuxw people wherever possible.
- 2) Acquire and hold land on Gabriola Island by purchase, donation or long-term lease for the benefit of current and future generations.
- 3) Raise money through donations, fundraising activities, grant seeking, and other assistance to support the acquisition, development, and management of the land trust society and its properties.
- 4) Ensure that the trust holds the most appropriate land parcels for community needs by selling or swapping land as required.
- 5) Make land in the trust available to:
  - a. non-profit organizations and co-operatives operating on Gabriola
  - b. individuals living on Gabriolafor projects including but not limited to: food production; sustainable energy; affordable housing; supportive housing; community water supply; community amenities; small-scale economic development; education, and land conservation.
- 6) Develop and administer an application process that ensures projects meet GCLT criteria and are socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable.

- 7) Enter into long-term lease agreements with successful applicants that include terms regarding acceptable land use practices, regular inspections, and conditions for lease termination.
- 8) Work with lease holders throughout the term of their lease to ensure the continuing success of their project.
- 9) Maintain regular communication with the Gabriola community and lease holders using in-person meetings, and electronic means.
- 10) Participate in the land trust community in our region, and encourage research, communication and education into the benefits of community land trusts.

## **Possible Names**

1. Gabriola Community Land Trust
2. Community Land Trust of Gabriola
3. Gabriola Land Trust Society