

## Sustainable Gabriola – notes of June 22, 2025 meeting

Present: Greg B, Bob A, Charlotte C, Tom C, Steve E, Susan S, Bob M (facilitating), Fay W, Gina C, Ivan B, John P, Nancy HP(notes), David (from Saturna).

1. Bob M as facilitator welcomed everyone and did introductions. Susan provided the Reconciliation Moment. The agenda was approved by general agreement.
2. Blue Heron Learning Society  
Fay reported that a new group is now meeting monthly to learn about winter vegetable gardening. They are using a resource from Linda Gilkason. Next meeting is **Monday, June 30**, 3-4 pm at Fay's home. See the BHLS website for more information: [blueheronlearning.ca](http://blueheronlearning.ca)
3. Climate-12
  - Greg: Neighbourhood groups are happening; currently approximately 16 neighbourhoods are organized.
  - Steve: The water group is writing a document about water resources on Gabriola. It is almost ready for publication.
  - Fay: The next Fix-It Fair will be on **Sunday, July 13**, 2-4pm at the Agi Hall.
  - Steve: A Climate Expressions event consisting of writing, art, etc. will be presented on **Saturday June 28** at 2pm at the Library.
4. BC Ferries  
Ivan and Steve reported on BCF's public meeting held on the island earlier today. BCF said that the "life extension" repairs/changes to the marine infrastructure at Descanso Bay would take place — mainly at night — from October to December 2025 on the Nanaimo side, and from January to May 2026 on the Gabriola side. The "replacement work" will happen in about five years. The "uplands work" on Gabriola is not yet being planned. Steve provided the BCF website link where the public can ask send comment and ask questions:  
<https://feedback.bcferrries.com/collection/collection.aspx?cguid=dce-586337eaf0d5&cType=1>
5. Transition Town  
Greg asked if anyone had information on this initiative. Various members offered the following details:
  - The "Transition" movement began several decades ago in the UK, and it focuses on sustainability
  - Salt Spring has a group — Transition Salt Spring Society
  - Several years ago, Sustainable Gabriola (SG) discussed setting up a transition group here, but decided against because the goals and activities are too similar to those of SG.
6. Update on GILSS activities  
John (SG rep to the GILSS Board) reported that the GILSS Board continues to search for an appropriate property to purchase, and the details of this search are confidential to the Board.

7. All-Candidates Meeting for the Fire Protection Improvement District Trustees election

Thanks were expressed to the Gabriola Talks group for their excellent work in organizing and facilitating this meeting before the June 18<sup>th</sup> election. Others added their thanks.

8. Gabriola Housing Society – information re construction of housing at Paisley Place

Nancy provided the following information, and encouraged the meeting to inform others:

- The 24 homes, all with ground-level access, will be in eight triplexes: two clusters of four each.
- All homes will be rentals, as established in the zoning; none are for sale.
- Completion is planned for early summer 2026.
- Information regarding eligibility, rents, and application processes will be available in fall 2025.
- On weekends, the public can walk on Paisley Place road to view the construction progress.
- The GHS website provides many details: [gabriolahousing.ca](http://gabriolahousing.ca)

9. Next meeting: **Sunday Sept 28**, 3pm — facilitator: Dyan, notes: Susan.

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