

JUAN DE FUCA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST
SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER #2

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Welcome to the second newsletter from the **Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society**. We are sending this newsletter to our members and others who support our goals. The principle purpose of our society is to acquire lands in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (west of Sooke) for the benefit of our communities and to either:

1. Donate such lands to the municipal, regional or provincial government to be used as park land, or
2. Hold such lands and operate not-for-profit educational and recreational programs from facilities established on the lands for such purposes.

Update on the Admiral's Forest:

We were informed on November 16th that the trustees for the estate of Admiral John Charles intend to place the Admiral's Forest on the real estate market at the end of December, 2013. We asked the trustees to reconsider their decision and to give us time to raise the money to make an offer. John Horgan, our MLA, and Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Regional Director Mike Hicks supported this request and wrote letters on our behalf to the trustees.

The trustees have since informed us that they are delaying placing the property on the real estate market until the end of February, at which time they will re-assess their decision in light of our fundraising progress and other considerations.

Support for the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust from the Victoria Foundation:

The Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society applied for federal charitable status in October but approval can take months. In the meantime we needed a means to be able to issue a charitable tax receipt to donors and approached the Victoria Foundation. They have agreed to support our campaign. See the attachment to this newsletter for details about how to make a donation towards the purchase of the Admiral's Forest through the Victoria Foundation.

Donors should be aware that all money received will be held in trust by the Victoria Foundation. If the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust is unable to purchase the Admiral's Forest the money can be used for another similar land purchase but can't be returned to the donors.

We were required to set-up two funds at the Victoria Foundation. The **Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Fund** is an endowment fund and only the interest will flow through to the purchase of land. The **Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Admiral's Forest Fund** is a pass-through fund and all the money donated is intended to go towards the purchase of the property. Donating to the **JDF Community Land Trust Admiral's Forest Fund** is favoured.

Notice of General Meeting:

The first General Meeting of the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society will be held on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:30 pm at the Otter Point Fire Hall – 3727 Otter Point Road in Otter Point. An agenda will be sent to members a week ahead of the meeting.

Become a Member of the JDFCLTS!

Membership in the JDFCTL society is \$20.00 per person per year. Membership fees will be used to support the activities of the society such as publicity, fundraising and other expenses directly related to the operation of the society. We have a separate account for donations that are intended to go towards the purchase of suitable property. Donations for this purpose are held in trust. We have applied for charitable tax status; when we get that we will be able to issue tax deductible receipts. We anticipate acquiring charitable status in early 2014.

To request a membership or make a donation to the society contact any of the directors listed below or mail your information to the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society c/o 2459 Kemp Lake Road, Sooke, B.C. V9Z 0R3

Visit Our Web Site:

Our web site is under construction but new information is being regularly being posted. Visit us at: jdflandtrust.ca

Best Regards,

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