

## THETIS ISLAND ORGANIZATIONS

- a brief overview of what each one provides for Thetis Island and its community -

**ISLANDS TRUST:** A provincial agency with the mandate to preserve and protect the unique amenities and environment of the islands in the Georgia Strait and Howe Sound. The Thetis Island Community Plan, Sustainability Guide and Land Use Bylaws are found online and at the Thetis Island library.

### VOLUNTEER-BASED COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**TIVFD:** Thetis Island Volunteer Fire Department: Managed under Thetis Island Improvement District and paid for via taxation. They provide essential services: firefighting and first response, structure protection, medical emergency assistance; fire permits, fire prevention education; support at public events.

**TICA:** The Thetis Island Community Association owns and manages the Forbes Hall Community Centre. TICA is supported solely through membership fees, grants, and donations and not by taxation. TICA's membership provides the facilities for activities, events and programs, the Forbes Hall Library, Health Services, and Sports Court. Facilities are for use by all Thetis Islanders and guests.

**TICA / Forbes Hall Health Services Group** is a group of volunteers who facilitate clinics and health care services at Forbes Hall Community Centre on behalf of TICA.

**TIRRA:** Thetis Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association administers their annual membership fees and funds received through property taxes to improve services such as solid waste, trails, road safety and St. Margaret's Cemetery.

**TIRRA / St. Margaret's Cemetery Board** manages and maintains St. Margaret's Cemetery on behalf of the Thetis Island Ratepayers and Residents Association.

**TICF:** Thetis Island Community Fund is a registered charity made possible through donations from residents: funds are used to assist in matters of health, education, senior's needs and support for other registered charities or organizations.

**ThINC:** Thetis Island Nature Conservancy is a registered charity acting on behalf of the natural environment; engaged in land conservation and covenants, environmental education and food security.

**TIPC:** Thetis Island Port Commission provides management oversight of our community dock (next to the ferry terminal) and the public boat ramp. The dock is a key facility during island-wide incidents and personal medical emergencies.

**TIPA:** Thetis Island Parents Association is a non-profit society whose members are parents of children currently attending our elementary school. Funds raised by the returnable beverage container facility help support student activities.

**TIMA:** Thetis Island Marine Association is an advisory board for boat and marine safety for our local waters.

**FAC:** Ferry Advisory Committee is a group of volunteers who advise BC Ferries on the needs and concerns of Thetis Islanders. The advisory committee has an equal number of members from Penelakut acting on behalf of their community.

**TIVFS:** Thetis Island Volunteer Firefighters Society raises funds for the benefit of the members of the Thetis Island Volunteer Fire Department.

**APC:** Advisory Planning Commission advises local **Islands Trust** committees on land use planning and community planning applications and projects. The Commission members are appointed by the Island Trust.

**ACT:** Anchorage Concerns Thetis acts on behalf of Thetis Islanders regarding Freighter Anchorages around Thetis Island with all levels of government.

**Thetis Island Foodbank:** operates in conjunction with the Chemainus Harvest House Foodbank and provides for disadvantaged residents weekly at Forbes Hall.