

Four easy steps

1. Call the Land Title Office in New Westminster at 604.660.2595 or through ENQUIRY BC.
Greater Victoria residents 387.6121
All other BC residents 1.800.663.7867

Provide the legal descriptions of the properties to be consolidated and determine if the consolidation will be an **Application For Cancellation Of Interior Lot Lines** (Form 14) or an **Application For Deposit Of Reference Or Explanatory Plan (Fee Simple) On the Consolidation Of Surveyed Parcels** (Form 11). Request the appropriate form and a determination of the fees. **Cancellation Of Interior Lot Lines** are generally \$100.

2. Mail the completed form along with a cheque to: Land Title Office, Suite 300, 88 Sixth Street, New Westminster, B.C. V3L 5B3
3. Go online to www.silts.ca/silt/contact.htm
Review eligibility criteria and fill in the Gouin Lot Consolidation Application Form. Send the application to silts@telus.net or Box 141 Lund, BC V0N2G0. You may apply to the Gouin Fund before or after the consolidation.
4. Once you have received confirmation of the consolidation from the Land Title Office, send copies of it to the Gouin Lot Consolidation Fund



The Gouin Family Fund for Lot Consolidation was established in 2005 with a generous donation of \$50,000 by Martin and Sarah Gouin. Administered by the Savary Island Land Trust Society, the Fund provides financial incentives to property owners who consolidate multiple lots to reduce density on Savary Island.

Send the Gouin Fund application to:

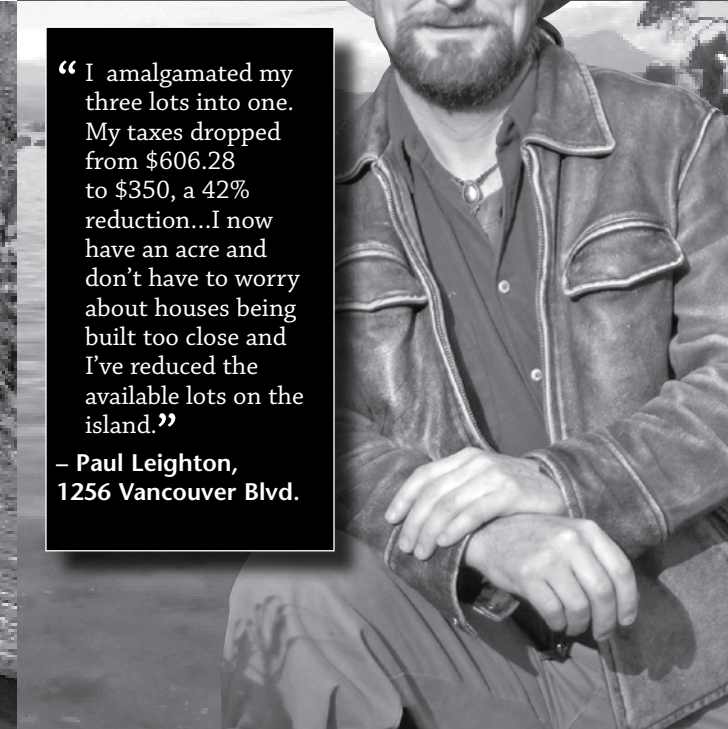


Savary Island Land Trust Society
Box 141, Lund, B.C.
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www.silts.ca silts@telus.net

SILT is a non-profit registered charity dedicated to the preservation of natural areas and biological diversity on Savary Island for present and future generations. SILT was established in 1997, when the last undivided and undeveloped District Lot (DL 1375) on Savary was under threat of subdivision. SILT began to look for ways to preserve "this heart of the island" as a national treasure, with the help of the Nature Trust of BC, the Province of BC, the Government of Canada and private donors. Since it began, SILT has received nine parcels of land on Savary through the generosity of its donors. SILT offers public education programs and produces educational materials about Savary Island.

Help reduce overdevelopment on Savary Island and earn \$500 or more while substantially lowering your property taxes!

If you have two or more adjacent lots with at least one lot undeveloped, you can benefit from the Gouin Family Fund for Lot Consolidation.



"I had six lots, which I made into two parcels. My taxes were reduced by \$467.85...I feel that I won twice because I not only cut my taxes, but have added my small bit in lessening the potential development density of Savary."

– Norma Flawith



"I amalgamated my three lots into one. My taxes dropped from \$606.28 to \$350, a 42% reduction...I now have an acre and don't have to worry about houses being built too close and I've reduced the available lots on the island."

– Paul Leighton,
1256 Vancouver Blvd.

Savary has too many lots!

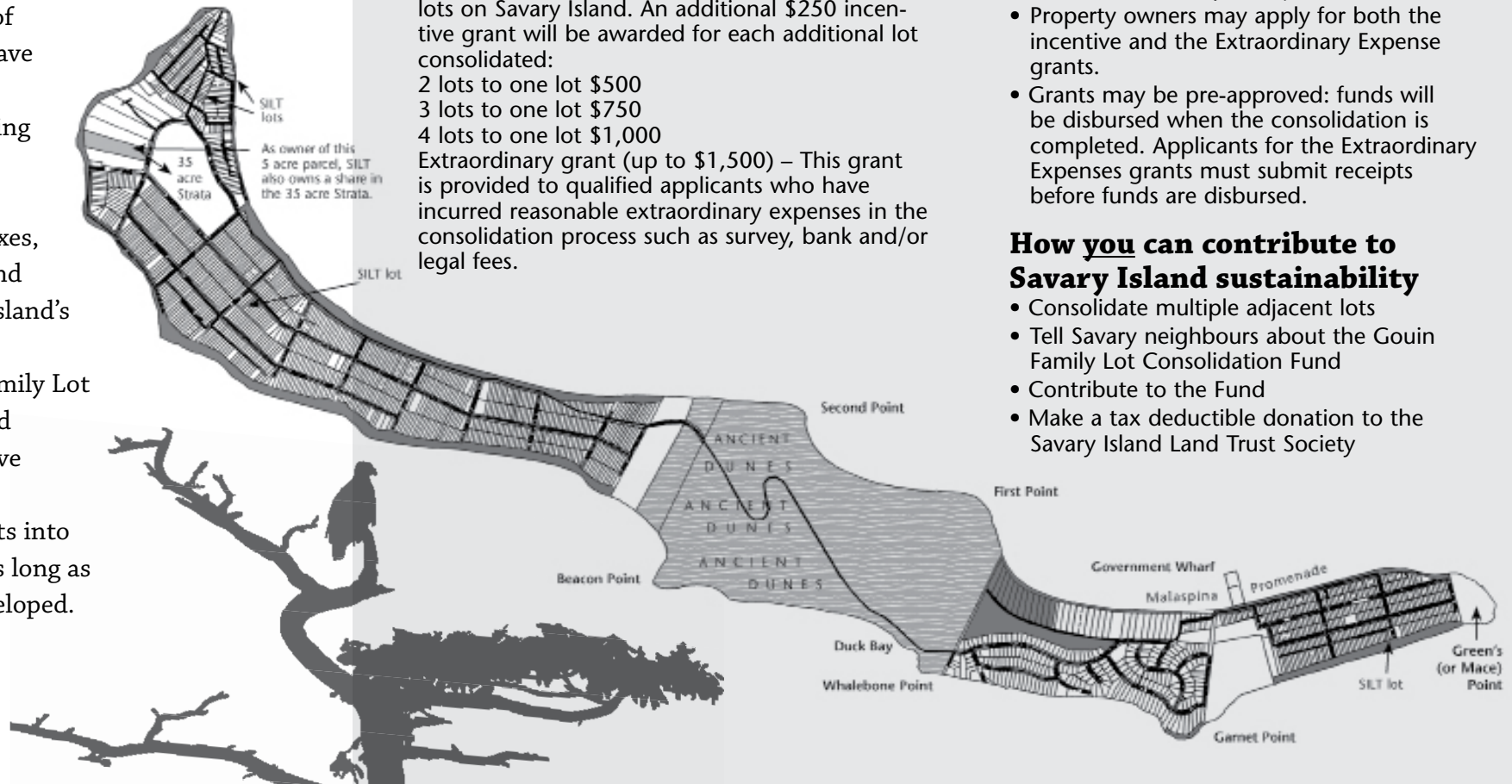
Savary Island has some 1,750 lots, giving it by far the highest lot density in the Strait of Georgia, nine times greater than the runner-up, Bowen Island. More than 1,500 lots on Savary are less than half an acre.

The 900 lots developed to date have strained the island's fragile ecology and fresh water supplies. While some believe Savary's remote location will restrain growth, the pace of development has actually doubled over the last decade. Further growth could have devastating consequences on sustainability.

One way to ease the pressure is to reduce the number of lots that can be developed.

Some 40 per cent of property owners have multiple adjacent lots. By consolidating these lots they can preserve privacy, reduce property taxes, decrease density and contribute to the island's sustainability.

The Gouin Family Lot Consolidation Fund provides an effective incentive to legally combine several lots into one larger parcel as long as only one lot is developed.



“A very big thank you for your generosity in our grant application. We appreciate the donation of \$500 very much, and hope more property owners do the same thing to preserve our special island, in our own small way. We have enjoyed Savary for four generations of Springers, and plan on many more!”

– Rick and Jeanne Springer



BENEFITS OF CONSOLIDATION

- *Cut your taxes*
- *Protect your privacy*
- *Be a good Steward of your land*
- *Help preserve Savary for generations to come*

Tax Savings

Some consolidators have saved as much as 50 per cent on property taxes.

Financial Incentives

Incentive grant - This \$500 grant is provided to qualified applicants for the consolidation of two lots on Savary Island. An additional \$250 incentive grant will be awarded for each additional lot consolidated:

2 lots to one lot \$500

3 lots to one lot \$750

4 lots to one lot \$1,000

Extraordinary grant (up to \$1,500) – This grant is provided to qualified applicants who have incurred reasonable extraordinary expenses in the consolidation process such as survey, bank and/or legal fees.

Eligibility

- The Fund may be applied to the consolidation of two or more undeveloped adjacent lots
- The Fund may be applied to the consolidation of a developed lot with one or more undeveloped adjacent lots
- Property owners may apply for both the incentive and the Extraordinary Expense grants.
- Grants may be pre-approved: funds will be disbursed when the consolidation is completed. Applicants for the Extraordinary Expenses grants must submit receipts before funds are disbursed.

How you can contribute to Savary Island sustainability

- Consolidate multiple adjacent lots
- Tell Savary neighbours about the Gouin Family Lot Consolidation Fund
- Contribute to the Fund
- Make a tax deductible donation to the Savary Island Land Trust Society