



2019 Kids Camps Grant: Rediscovery T'aalan St'l'ang.  
For more info on this project, visit our website.

## Islands Governance project receives a boost

The Haida Gwaii All-Islands Protocol Table will be tackling the issue of an all-island governance structure in 2020 with help from a new \$100,000 grant stream. The grant will allow the Protocol Table – which represents all the communities of Haida Gwaii – to hire administrative and operation support, allowing it to coordinate regular meetings, maintain records, and implement the Haida Gwaii Protocol Agreements, signed between the Council of the Haida Nation and the islands communities.

The Gwaii Trust has been promoting the concept of the islands as one community since it was formed. More recently, at the 2014 Gwaii Trust Economic Development Forum, discussions identified the need for an all-island unifying body and governance system. Our latest business plan supports the development of an island governance structure by 2022.

“Islands governance has consistently been identified as a top priority for Haida Gwaii’s residents and governments in overcoming the multitude of challenges we face as the Islands Community,” the Protocol Table wrote on its application letter to the Gwaii Trust. “Establishing a robust all-islands governance body is central to achieving the goals of ensuring healthy environments, individuals, communities and economies on Haida Gwaii.”

## We heard you!

After listening to feedback from the community, we’ve updated the requirements and application questions for grants under

\$10,000. Our intention is to make the grant application process as simple and clear as possible.

All information about our grants and how to apply for them is available on our website at [gwaitrust.com](http://gwaitrust.com). This includes the new, simplified requirements and questions. This information can be viewed online or downloaded. There is a page for each of our different grants with full details and deadlines.

We’ve changed some of our application deadlines slightly for 2020, so be sure to visit your specific grant page for more information.

Our new website also includes a calendar, right on the homepage, which lists meeting dates, application deadlines and upcoming events.

## YOU'RE INVITED!

We will be holding our annual general meeting on Saturday, May 2 from 1 to 3 pm at the Skidegate Small Hall, visit our website for more information. All are welcome – come out and hear what we’ve been up to in 2019, meet your directors, and ask questions. Light refreshments will be served.

## UPCOMING DEADLINES:

- **Youth Grant:** May 1 at 4 pm
- **Youth-Centred Communities Grant:** May 1 at 4 pm
- **Arts Grant:** May 1 at 4 pm
- **Community Innovation:** 1<sup>st</sup> of each month at 4 pm (excluding August and December)
- **Vibrant Haida Gwaii Communities:** 1<sup>st</sup> of each month at 4 pm (excluding August and December)