

Mt. Erskine

... can be preserved forever.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy is coordinating a fundraising effort to buy 100 acres of land on Mt. Erskine. The property includes the summit, which at 448 metres is the highest point on north Salt Spring.

The Mt. Erskine land contains spectacular arbutus and coastal Douglas-fir forest (which B.C.'s Conservation Data Centre classifies as an "ecosystem at risk") along the edge of a dramatic cliff. The property also contains some wetland and provides Salt Spring's largest habitat for hairy manzanita, a beautiful shrub and part of a rare plant community in B.C. A portion of Maxwell Creek runs through the southwest corner of the property.

When combined with adjacent, already-protected properties (see map), this land will contribute to the permanent protection of a large, contiguous undeveloped area of up to 240 ha (600 acres). Rare and endangered habitat will also be preserved. Mt. Erskine forms the northern part of a corridor of protected land on Salt Spring, stretching all the way from Mt. Tuam in the south, including Hope Hill, Mt. Bruce, Mt. Sullivan, Burgoyne Bay, and Mt. Maxwell. Many of these areas are open to the public.

This privately owned property includes a vital portion of the trail network from Collins Road to Toynbee Road (see map), and provides spectacular

views over Stuart Channel and

Vancouver Island from the peak's summit and western ridge. The purchase of this 100-acre property will secure this popular trail, now and for future generations.

While government agencies and other organizations may contribute to the purchase of this land, most of the total purchase cost of \$650,000 must come from the Salt Spring community.

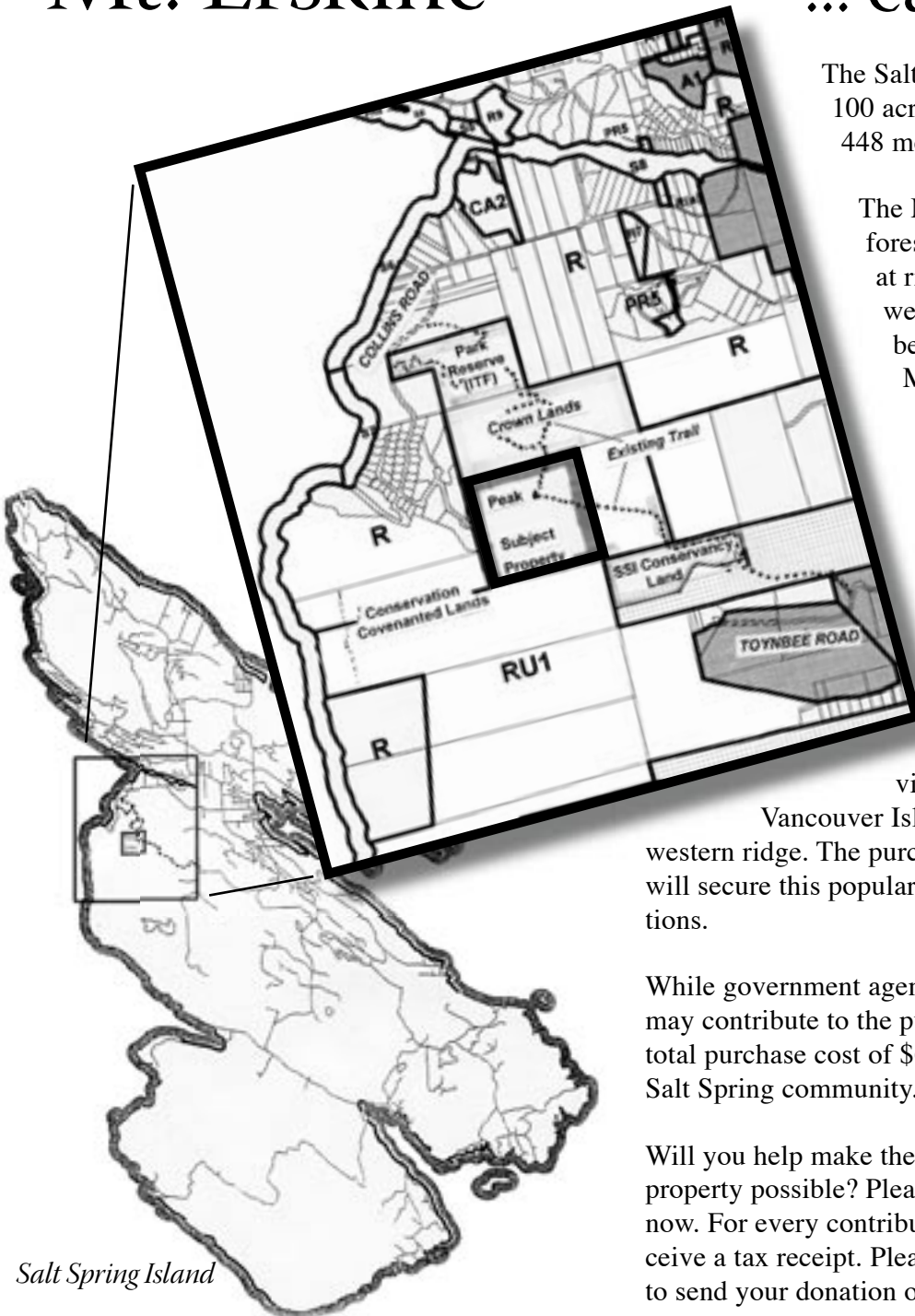
Will you help make the preservation of the Mt. Erskine property possible? Please make a donation or pledge now. For every contribution of \$20 or more, you will receive a tax receipt. Please use the form on this brochure to send your donation or pledge to the Conservancy.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Salt Spring Island Conservancy
PO Box 722, Ganges PO
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2W3
Tel: 250-538-0318 Fax: 250-538-0319
Email: ssiconservancy@saltspring.com
<http://saltspring.gulfislands.com/conservancy>

Charles Kahn
Tel: 250-537-1899, Fax: 250-537-1846
Email: ckahn@saltspring.com

Peter Lamb
Tel: 250-537-4859, Fax: 250-537-4859
Email: gellam@saltspring.com



Salt Spring Island

PLEDGE FORM

Mount Erskine Property,
Salt Spring Island

Yes, I would like to make a donation/pledge to help acquire the Mount Erskine property!

I would like to donate/pledge ...

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500
 \$1,000 \$5,000 or \$ _____

I would like my donation to be anonymous

Donations: Please make cheques payable to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy and specify "Mt. Erskine Property." A charitable tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$20 or more on satisfactory completion of the total financing.

Pledges: For pledges, 21 days notice will be given before the funds are required. A charitable tax receipt will be issued for contributions of \$20 or more.

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Mail or fax this form to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Box 722, Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2W3: fax 250-538-0319.

This 100 acre property:

- *Completes up to 600 acres of contiguous, protected green space.*
- *Protects endangered dry coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem.*
- *Contains the largest habitat for hairy manzanita on Salt Spring.*
- *Contains wetland and part of Maxwell Creek.*
- *Has spectacular views of Stuart Channel and Vancouver Island.*
- *Completes public trail access from Collins Rd. to Toynbee Rd.*



Mt. Erskine

Super and Natural!
(but for how long?)



Your help is needed to preserve this outstanding natural area on Salt Spring Island.

 Salt
Spring
Island
CONSERVANCY