



Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Special Meeting

Date: July 9, 2016
Location: Lasqueti Island Community Hall
 Main Road, Lasqueti Island, BC

Members Present Susan Morrison, Local Trustee
 Timothy Peterson, Local Trustee

Staff Present Sonja Zupanec, Island Planner and Recorder
 James van Hemert, Consultant

25 members of the public were in attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations and introduced the Trustees, staff and consultant.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. WORKSHOP

3.1 Lasqueti Island Aging at Home Project

Trustee Peterson gave a brief background on the Aging at Home Project on Lasqueti Island and the funding that was sought to support the work being done. He thanked the staff, Mike Richards and Marnie Eggen at the northern Islands Trust office for helping get this project started

Planner Zupanec spoke briefly about the intent of the project and how it fits into the Local Trust Committee Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw review project.

James van Hemert introduced the concepts of aging in place and the types of domains of a healthy community. He spoke about how some policies and regulations might be barriers to a healthy community and that this workshop is the first step in addressing them and listening and learning from each other on issues related to aging on Lasqueti.

He reported that based on 2011 Census data:

- the median age on Lasqueti is 52.5 (provincial is 42)
- 125 people living alone

Preliminary results of the Aging at Home survey include 42 respondents online; hard copies are available:

- 60% respondents need support for off-grid living;
- 20% are already using delivery services;
- high level of social participation;
- half will stay no matter what;
- one quarter said it depends;
- one third said yes they can stay in their house if there were modifications;
- one third said a smaller house or suite or cottage would assist them;

Participants were then divided into five groups for café style discussions on issues specific to Lasqueti Island. Participants discussed topics for 20 minutes and then rotated to a new discussion table. Trustees reported back on the main discussion points for each of the five topics discussed:

LASQUETI HOUSING TYPES:

- Abbeyfield option should be investigated
- secondary suites/cottages might be supported with reservations about increases in density
- sizes of additional dwellings should be regulated or limited
- ferry regulates influx of people
- cohousing option or project would be of interest

LASQUETI ISLAND DENSITY:

- should have exceptions to use of cottages such as space for caregivers
- retention of caregivers is difficult due to housing
- flexibility in density for people who need/want to rent housing
- density transfer options should be considered
- temporary use permit option should be considered

LASQUETI ISLAND HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPORT:

- health centre and nursing station open
- baths and showers available
- need for finances and grants to operate in the future
- need list of workers available for chores and odd jobs to support seniors
- find educational training opportunities for people to become certified home care workers
- reduce need to travel for services by duplicating supports on island
- have on island suturing and dental care services

LASQUETI HOME ENTERPRISE:

- relax bylaws to allow senior care at home

LASQUETI TRANSPORTATION:

- issues related to the dock and ramp access for those with mobility or strength issues
- tote service for seniors or anyone or a dolly service would be great
- transit services on both sides necessary
- barriers on the dock/ferry hill
- delivery service for groceries to homes

The consultant and Trustees thanked everyone for taking the time out of their Saturday to participate in the workshop and reminded everyone to complete a survey and fill out the sign in sheet if they wished to have a copy of the final report emailed to them.

4. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Susan Morrison, Chair

Certified Correct:

Sonja Zupanec, Recorder