



Ganges Village Planning Task Force Terms of Reference November 2020

1. Purpose

This Terms of Reference guides the Ganges Village Planning Task Force (Task Force hereinafter) to assist in the development of the “Ganges Village Area Plan,” and to advise the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) on matters related to Ganges Village planning process. The Task Force is an appointed advisory working group to LTC with final decisions in all matters brought before the Task Force rest with the LTC. In addition to this Terms of Reference, other roles, responsibilities and procedures of the Task Force are governed by [Bylaw No. 467](#) and should be referred to separately.

2. Roles and Responsibilities of Task Force Members

- a) Serve and attend Task Force meetings for the duration of the planning process;
- b) Participate in LTC sponsored community consultation events on emerging Ganges Village issues;
- c) Promote the project and public engagement opportunities within the community;
- d) Review summary of findings from community engagement sessions;
- e) Provide feedback to staff on plan concepts, policy options, and the draft plan;
- f) Hold discussions at a scheduled meeting which are open to the public;
- g) Objectively apply judgement based on members’ expertise, experience and knowledge of the subject matter as related to development of the “Ganges Village Area Plan” process;
- h) Be guided by the general policy intent as set out in the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw;
- i) Respect multiple stakeholder perspectives, the broader policy context of the planning process, and its implications on local area land use issues;
- j) Ensure an environment where all members feel comfortable expressing their views; and,
- k) Request information from other agencies only through, or as directed by, Islands Trust Staff. The establishment of policy and liaison with other levels of government, non-government agencies and community interest groups is the responsibility of the Local Trust Committee.

3. Roles and Responsibilities of the Chair

- a) Leading and facilitating discussion at meetings;
- b) Ensuring that all points of view are heard;
- c) Ensuring that good order and civility are maintained at meetings;
- d) Ensuring that discussion is relevant and addresses the questions laid out in these terms of reference; and
- e) Ensuring that there are available resources to assist the Task Force at each meeting through advanced request and approval for such resources from the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee.

4. Work Plan Overview

- a) At the inaugural meeting of the Task Force, there will be member introductions and background presentation/orientation by Islands Trust staff. Establishment of a meeting schedule to achieve goals set forth in the work plan, and a nomination of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Task Force.

5. Appointments

- a) The members of the Task Force shall be appointed by resolution of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee;
- b) The total number of members shall not exceed 11;
- c) The membership shall represent a wide cross section and the varied interests, perspectives, opinions and values of the community;
- d) The Local Trust Committee may, by resolution, remove a member at any time;
- e) If a member resigns, or an appointment is otherwise terminated, the Local Trust Committee may, by resolution, appoint a member to serve for the remaining term of the project; and
- f) Other Islands Trust staff, experts, community stakeholders, and consultants may attend the Commission meetings at the request of staff.

Quorum and Attendance

- a) In accordance with Bylaw No. 467 Conduct of Meeting, a majority of the appointed members shall constitute a quorum of the members and a quorum must be in attendance at a meeting for the Task force to proceed with its agenda.