

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF
THE ISLANDS TRUST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTING AS A LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013 AT 10:00 AM
ISLANDS TRUST OFFICE, 700 NORTH ROAD, GABRIOLA ISLAND, BC**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sheila Malcolmson	Chair
Ken Hancock	LTC Member
David Graham	LTC Member
Peter Luckham	LTC Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Courtney Simpson	Acting Regional Planning Manager
Marnie Eggen	Acting Planner 2
Theresa Warren	Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Malcolmson called the meeting of the Ballenas- Winchelsea Local Trust Committee to order at 10:06 am. She thanked staff for setting up the meeting in the Northern Office.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Malcolmson asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda; no revisions were made. The agenda was approved by consent.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Local Trust Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2012 – attached for adoption

Chair Malcolmson asked for any amendments to the minutes. The minutes were adopted by consensus with the following amendments:

- Pg. 4 after 9.2 - Chair Malcolmson assumed the Chair at 11:15 am
- Grammar corrections (pg. 3, 5)

3.2 Section 26 Resolutions Without Meeting Log dated February 14, 2013 – attached for information

Received for information.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Follow-up Action List dated February 14, 2013 – attached for information

Received for information.

Chair Malcolmson questioned whether Follow Up Action List item number one on the May 8, 2012 list had been completed and what work still needs to happen.

Chair Malcolmson asked Regional Planning Manager Simpson’s opinion on how to get this item prioritized.

Chair Malcolmson asked if the Local Trust Committee could forward this item to the Executive Committee for more attention.

EXLTC-001-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee working as a Local Trust Committee forward to Executive Committee Item number one on the May 8, 2012 Follow Up Action List.

CARRIED

4.2 Electronic Meeting Procedural Bylaw - Staff report dated February 6, 2013 - attached

Received for information. Chair Malcolmson asked Planner Eggen to summarize the staff report.

Discussion followed regarding the Electronic Meeting Procedural Bylaw. Trustee Luckham asked about the possibility of removing “wait for direction...” from recommendation number 1. Chair Malcolmson asked about changing wording to “carry out in conjunction with”.

Regional Planning Manager Simpson spoke to staffing and the general ability to go forward with this as a priority.

EXLTC-002-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee as a Local Trust Committee add “amendment of the Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 24” to the Top Priorities List.

CARRIED

Discussion regarding recommendation number two ensued, and continued after the motion was moved.

EXLTC-003-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee working as a Local Trust Committee request that the Executive Committee move forward with Resolution TC 175/09 as it relates to electronic special meetings of local trust committees, and electronic participation of trustees in regular meetings of local trust committees.

CARRIED
Trustee Luckham opposed

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Malcolmson asked for information from staff regarding Seaweed Harvesting.

Planner Eggen noted that there is no referral process at this point, and it is currently a pilot project with the Ministry of Agriculture. Discussion ensued regarding the effect on Baynes Sound.

Trustee Luckham would like to bring the Regional District of Nanaimo into this discussion.

EXLTC-004-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee working as a Local Trust Committee request the Executive Committee to look at options for advocacy with regards to ocean harvesting of unregulated ocean resources, particularly seaweed.

Discussion regarding the resolution followed.

EXLTC-005-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee working as a Local Trust Committee amend resolution EXLTC-004-2013 to remove “unregulated ocean resources” from the resolution.

CARRIED

The Local Trust Committee voted on the motion as amended:

EXLTC-004-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee working as a Local Trust Committee request Executive Committee to look at options for advocacy with regards to ocean harvesting of seaweed

CARRIED

EXLTC-006-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee working as a Local Trust Committee ask staff to request that the Ministry of Agriculture refer seaweed harvest permits to the Local Trust Committee including an opportunity to review and comment on current permits.

EXLTC-007-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to amend the resolution to add “And copy request to relevant regional districts”.

CARRIED

The Local Trust Committee voted on the motion as amended:

EXLTC-006-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee working as a Local Trust Committee ask staff to request that the Ministry of Agriculture refer seaweed harvest permits to the Local Trust Committee including an opportunity to review and comment on current permits and copy the request to relevant regional districts.

CARRIED

Discussion followed.

EXLTC-008-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee working as a Local Trust Committee request staff to bring back draft Official Community Plan policy addressing seaweed harvesting in the Ballenas-Winchelsea Local Trust Area.

CARRIED

- 5.1 *Email dated January 5, 2013 from Edina Johnston of the Denman Island Forage Fish Group regarding Negative Impacts of Harmful Aquaculture Practices – attached*

Received.

- 5.2 *Notes from Edi Johnston for the Denman Island Trust Committee Meeting of January 22, 2013 regarding Commercial Harvesting of Seaweed in the Islands Trust Area – attached*

Received.

- 5.3 *Letter from Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards to Food Protection Branch, Ministry of Agriculture regarding Harvesting of Seaweed Wrack – attached*

Received.

Trustee Luckham requested that staff forward the above draft resolutions for him to report out to the next Denman Meeting on February 26, 2013.

Chair Malcolmson called a recess at 11:23.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:28 am.

6. REPORTS

- 6.1 *Work Program - Top Priorities Report and Projects Report dated February 14, 2013 – attached*

The Top Priorities Report was reviewed with two items on-going and was received for information.

By consent, the Executive Committee as a Local Trust Committee asked Planner Eggen remove item on page 30, October 30, 2012 item from projects list.

EXLTC-009-2013

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee working as a Local Trust Committee ask that resolution EXLTC-002-2013 become #2 on priorities list with a target date of October, 2013.

CARRIED

- 6.2 *Trustee and Local Expenses*

- 6.2.1 *Expenses posted to November 30, 2012- attached*

- 6.2.2 *Expenses posted to December 31, 2012- attached*

- 6.2.3 *Expensed posted to January 31, 2013 - attached*

Received for information.

7. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

7.1 Executive Islands Area (Ballenas-Winchelsea Group) Draft Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw

7.1.1 Staff Report dated February 14, 2013 – attached

The Local Trust Committee asked staff to update the cover of the agenda to amend the Staff Report date to February 5, 2013. Chair Malcolmson asked Planner Eggen to summarize the staff report.

Discussion ensued. Planner Eggen spoke to clarify the recommendation regarding omitting aquaculture outright in the W2 zone.

Chair Malcolmson asked Regional Planning Manager Simpson for clarification of Local Trust Area versus Zoning Area. Discussion followed.

Chair Malcolmson asked for staff advice regarding the staff recommendation on page. 37 of the staff report and how it could be amended to reflect a 300-metre boundary.

EXLTC-010-2013

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee acting as Local Trust Committee direct staff to revise the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw to reflect a planning area for the Executive Area Islands as shown in Attachment 1, except to increase the new planning area to 300 metres or mid-channel with Vancouver Island, whichever is less for the Executive Area Islands, and advise staff to revise the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw to omit aquaculture outright in all of the W2 zone.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Draft Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 27 – attached

Chair Malcolmson asked if there was clarification needed in the Official Community Plan regarding Gerald Island – which is now designated as a park.

Chair Malcolmson asked for staff direction regarding applications for rezoning to permit aquaculture, and a possibility of reinstating Section 3.8.3 in the Official Community Plan.

EXLTC-011-2013

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee as a Local Trust Committee request staff to reinstate Official Community Plan Section 3.8.3 that states that the Local Trust Committee may consider rezoning applications for new leases for aquaculture, other than finfish farms.

CARRIED

Chair Malcolmson asked for staff advice regarding the possibility of them providing evidence of Regional District zoning to the Local Trust Committee on the next agenda. Regional Planning Manager Simpson replied to her concerns.

EXLTC-012-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee acting as Local Trust Committee ask staff to provide current Regional District zoning as it applies to the Ballenas-Winchelsea Area.

CARRIED

EXLTC-013-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee acting as Local Trust Committee ask for staff to bring back draft Official Community Plan policy addressing accommodations for First Nation, cultural and economic interest in the Local Trust Area.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Draft Land Use Bylaw No. 28 – attached

None.

7.1.4 Letter dated November 14, 2012 from K’omoks First Nation regarding Land Use Bylaw No. 28 – attached

Received. Chair Malcolmson requested staff advice.

Planner Eggen spoke to the letter and noted that there was a new Chief and Council. Discussion followed.

The trustees discussed staff sending a letter to the K’omoks First Nation welcoming new Chief in Council, providing information regarding changes that have been made and requesting meeting after review of changes.

EXLTC-014-2013 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Executive Committee acting as Local Trust Committee direct staff to draft a letter to the K’omoks First Nation for Chair Malcolmson’s signature regarding the progress of the Official Community Plan and welcoming the new Chief and Council.

CARRIED

Trustee Graham requested staff to contact the K’omoks First Nation and ask what their preference is in regards to titles.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Consistency in Referencing the Local Trust Area and the Local Trust Committee – for discussion

Discussion followed. The Local Trust Committee requested a staff recommendation regarding consistency in referencing the Local Trust Area and Local Trust Committee.

9. BYLAWS

None.

10. ISLANDS TRUST WEBSITE

10.1 Executive Islands Area (Ballenas-Winchelsea Group) Page – attached

Received.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular business meeting of the Executive Committee as a Local Trust Committee is Friday, May 3, 2013 at 10:00 am at Islands Trust, 700 North Road, Gabriola Island, BC

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Malcolmson adjourned the meeting of the Executive Committee as a Local Trust Committee at 1:04 pm.

Chair

Recorder