



Executive Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2018
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Islands Trust - Victoria
200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - 2.1 Introduction of New Items
 - 2.2 Approval of Agenda
3. BUSINESS
 - 3.1 Open Letter re opposition to Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion - RFD 2 - 5
 - 3.2 EC Draft Agenda - September 5 6 - 8
4. NEW BUSINESS
5. NEXT MEETING - September 5, 2018, Victoria
6. ADJOURNMENT



REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Executive Committee **For the Meeting of:** August 29, 2018
From: Chief Administrative Officer **Date Prepared:** August 28, 2018
SUBJECT: Open Letter re opposition to Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the text of the open letter to the Prime Minister outlining opposition to the expansion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline be approved.
2. That the Executive Committee direct staff to circulate the letter to trustees and San Juan councillors inviting them to add their name as signatories.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER COMMENTS:

- 1 **PURPOSE:** To seek Executive Committee’s approval of the final text of the open letter to the Prime Minister in regards to the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion and its circulation to trustees and San Juan councilors to add their names as signatories.
- 2 **BACKGROUND:** At its August meeting, Executive Committee approved the general approach of the letter and provided feedback. Staff have incorporated their suggestions along with guidance from two consultants – one a subject matter expert the other knowledgeable about public opinion – who recommended a few additions and re-ordering of content.

This revised draft has been shared with the three San Juan councilors who have all agreed to sign.

3 IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

ORGANIZATIONAL: Staff will continue to work on the supporting strategy, including preparing an opinion editorial from the Chair, a news release and a webpage in support of the open letter.

FINANCIAL: No further financial implications.

POLICY: No implications for existing policy.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATIONS: The open letter will be supported by a press release and media and social media strategy.

FIRST NATIONS: As previously discussed.

OTHER: None

- 4 **RELEVANT POLICY(S):** N/A

5 **ATTACHMENT(S):** Final draft version of the open letter to the Prime Minister.

RESPONSE OPTIONS

Recommendation:

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Alternative:

Prepared By: Andrew Templeton, Communications Specialist

Reviewed By/Date: Russ Hotsenpiller, CAO, August 28, 2018.

DRAFT LETTER: from Islands Trust & San Juan County

Dear Prime Minister,

We, as elected representatives for the islands in the Salish Sea in both British Columbia and Washington State, write to express our disappointment over your government's decision to purchase and proceed with the expansion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

We stand united with the Governments of British Columbia and Washington State in their efforts to protect the Pacific Coast and the people who live here.

We believe your plan to transform our waters into an export corridor for nearly a million barrels of toxic bitumen per day for the next 50 or more years exposes us to unacceptable levels of risk. Because we live along this corridor of risk, we feel compelled to speak out.

The islands in the Salish Sea have been described as the Pacific Coast's answer to cottage country but for us, it's where we work and play; where we raise our children, grow our food, and make our lives. Tourism is a major part of our economy, with visitors coming from all over the world. The Salish Sea is a living legacy, essential to our shared, collective identity, as much as the Rockies, the prairies, the Grand Canyon or the Great Lakes. Its protection should be a national priority on both sides of the border.

In 1973, an International Joint Commission proposed that the islands and waters adjacent to the British Columbia-Washington State border be protected as an international park. This region has some of the world's most biologically rich waters, historically abundant with salmon, while the islands provide habitats for countless species. This ecological legacy is due to the careful stewardship by the Coast Salish people who have lived in this region since time immemorial and whose culture remains tied to these traditional territories and waters.

Despite having an international reputation as a pristine environment, the Salish Sea faces immense pressure from ever-increasing levels of industrialization, marine shipping traffic, and climate change. Into this already stressed environment, the Trans Mountain expansion will introduce 400 more oil tankers a year. There is growing concern that this sevenfold increase in tanker traffic, with its increase in underwater noise, could be the death knell for the southern resident killer whale population. Even the National Energy Board's own review concluded that expansion will have significant negative impacts on the orcas. To us, risking the existence of the iconic and beloved southern resident orca for the sake of a theory that new markets for oil will be opened on the Pacific Rim is not in the national interest.

Accidents happen. Forced to navigate narrow waterways and powerful ocean currents, the project's tankers will move through Turn Point/Boundary Pass and area your experts have identified as one of the most likely places in Canada for a large oil spill. It is hard to fathom the terrible ecological and economic consequences of an oil spill: the places we love soaked in toxic, diluted bitumen below clouds of condensate; salmon runs destroyed, jobs lost, businesses closed. In 24 hours, everything in our lives would change.

For seventeen days this summer, an orca – Tahlequah or J35 – carried her dead calf through the waters of the Salish Sea. Her journey took her past our homes. It was haunting. Her actions seem like a direct message to us: that through our treatment of her environment – her home – we are responsible for the death of her infant.

Still reeling from that experience, our region was then blanketed in smoke as B.C. declared, for the second year in a row, a state of emergency from wildfire season.

Is this is our new reality: summers of dying whales and unbreathable air? A reality shaped by climate change. A reality shaped by short-sighted dependence on fossil fuels. We object to Trans Mountain not just because we live along the corridor of risk but because we believe that the environmental and economic costs are simply too high. We believe there are more visionary and less risky ways to spend billions of dollars to generate jobs and taxes for roads, schools, and hospitals.

Tahlequah is our canary in a coal mine. There are limits to what our environment can withstand. We are nearing breaking point. At this historic moment we urge you to change direction.

Sincerely,

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Executive Committee

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2018
Time: 8:45 am
Location: Islands Trust Victoria Boardroom
200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - 2.1 **Introduction of New Items**
 - 2.2 **Approval of Agenda**
 - 2.2.1 **Agenda Context Notes**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - 3.1 **August 15, 2018**
4. **FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST AND UPDATES**
 - 4.1 **Follow Up Action List**
 - 4.2 **Director/CAO Updates**
 - 4.3 **Local Trust Committee Chair Updates**
5. **BYLAWS FOR APPROVAL CONSIDERATION**
 - 5.1 **Saturna Island Local Trust Committee Bylaws**
 - 5.1.1 **Saturna Island LTC Bylaw No. 119 (LUB)**
 - 5.1.2 **Saturna Island LTC Bylaw No. 120 (OCP amendment)**
 - 5.1.3 **Saturna island LTC Bylaw No. 121 (LUB amendment)**
 - 5.2 **Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Bylaws**
 - 5.2.1 **Salt Spring Island LTC Bylaws No. 489 and 499 (OCP and LUB amendment)**
 - 5.2.2 **Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Bylaws No. 500 and 501 (OCP and LUB amendment)**
6. **TRUST COUNCIL MEETING PREPARATION**
 - 6.1 **Executive**
 - 6.1.1 **September Trust Council Schedule**
 - 6.1.2 **September Trust Council Regular Agenda**

- 6.1.3 Follow Up Action List
- 6.1.4 Chief Administrative Officer's Report
- 6.1.5 Executive Committee Work Program Report
- 6.1.6 Continuous Learning Plan
- 6.1.7 Strategic Plan Quarterly Report
- 6.1.8 New Term Orientation - Briefing
- 6.1.9 Connected Coast Fiber Optics - Briefing
- 6.1.10 Islands Trust Act Amendments - Briefing
- 6.1.11 Priorities Chart
- 6.1.12 Community Presentation - Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society
- 6.1.13 Delegation Requests

- 6.1.13.1 SeaChange Marine Conservation Group

- 6.1.14 Proposed November Trust Council Schedule

6.2 Local Planning Services

- 6.2.1 Director of Local Planning Services Report
- 6.2.2 Local Planning Committee Work Program Report
- 6.2.3 LPS Review - Briefing
- 6.2.4 LTC Agenda Model - Briefing
- 6.2.5 Bylaw Enforcement Local Summaries - Briefing
- 6.2.6 Implications of the Water Sustainability Act Learning Session - Briefing

6.3 Administrative Services

- 6.3.1 June 30, 2018 Quarterly Financial Report - RFD
- 6.3.2 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report
- 6.3.3 2019-20 Budget

6.4 Trust Area Services

- 6.4.1 Director of Trust Area Services Report
- 6.4.2 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report
- 6.4.3 Service Integration - Briefing
- 6.4.4 Islands Trust Fund Audited Financial Statement - Briefing
- 6.4.5 Islands Trust Conservancy Quarterly Report - Briefing

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROJECTS

7.1 Trust Council Initiated

- 7.1.1 Executive
- 7.1.2 Trust Area Services
- 7.1.3 Local Planning Services

- 7.1.4 Administrative Services
- 7.2 Executive Committee Initiated
 - 7.2.1 Executive
 - 7.2.2 Trust Area Services
 - 7.2.3 Local Planning Services
 - 7.2.4 Administrative Services
- 8. NEW BUSINESS
 - 8.1 Executive/Trust Council
 - 8.2 Trust Area Services
 - 8.2.1 LTC Chairs Report on Local Advocacy Topics
 - 8.2.2 Chair Letter re Potential Marine Environmental Protection and Response Legislative Amendments - RFD
 - 8.3 Local Planning Services
 - 8.4 Administrative Services
 - 8.5 Executive/Trust Council
- 9. CLOSED MEETING (if applicable)

That the meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(c)(g) and (i) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to employee relations, litigation affecting the Islands Trust and receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and that staff attend the meeting.
- 10. RISE AND REPORT DECISIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING (if applicable)
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE (for information unless raised for action)
 - 11.1 Response from Premier Horgan re Rural Dividend Program 4 - 5
 - 11.2 Response from Minister Heyman re BC Spills Regulations 6 - 6
 - 11.3 Agricultural Waste Control Regulation re Summary of Comments 7 - 7
 - 11.4 Open letter signatory request re Climate Action 8 - 10
 - 11.5 Green Communities Level 4 Recognition 11 - 13
 - 11.6 Response from MAH Minister re UBCM meeting request 14 - 14
 - 11.7 Response from MP Bains re WED Funding Program 15 - 16
- 12. WORK PROGRAM
 - 12.1 Review and amendment of current work program
- 13. NEXT MEETING
- 14. ADJOURNMENT