



# Executive Committee Agenda

Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2019  
Time: 12:00 pm  
Location: Coast Victoria Hotel  
146 Kingston Street, Victoria BC

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7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held December 18, 2019 at the Islands Trust Victoria office.
8. ADJOURNMENT



November 18, 2019

Peter Luckham  
Chair, Islands Trust Council  
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**Via email: [pluckham@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:pluckham@islandstrust.bc.ca)**

Dear Mr. Luckham,

**Subject: Bowen Island Municipal Tax Levy**

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I would be remiss if I didn't start this communication with thanking you and the members of the Island Trust Council for your efforts in trying to help us understand the cost drivers of the Bowen Island tax levy increases. Needless to say, the cost sharing formula set out in the Trust Council's Policy 7.2.6 Municipal Tax Requisition Calculation is very complex. Your staff have done an admiral job in trying to explain the details by way of various Briefing Notes going back to February of this year.

However, the fact remains that Bowen Island Municipality continues to experience disproportionately high tax levy requisitions year over year, while failing to appreciate the value we are receiving for this significant contribution to the Island Trust budget.

What we are asking for is that the Islands Trust Council commit to working with us in pursuit of a change to the "funding formula" as it pertains to Bowen Island Municipality. The current arrangement for cost allocation results in a levy that BIM finds extremely burdensome given we are responsible for all costs of governing and operating our own municipality. We are in a very unique situation that must be reflected in how the Islands Trust operating costs are apportioned.

We also want to draw attention to the contribution that the Province of British Columbia makes towards the operating costs of the Trust. Section 3 of the Islands Trust Act is very clear that the object of the trust is "to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the trust area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia."

Given the mandated role of the Islands Trust is to protect the trust area not only for the benefit of residents of the trust area, but also for the people of British Columbia, it behooves the Province to review its financial contribution to the cost of maintaining the trust area. The Province's contribution of \$180,000 per year is seriously underfunded relative to the cost of operating the Trust (\$8 million plus). This is only exaggerated by the fact that the Provincial grant has remained unchanged over the years, and in fact is lower than earlier years.

I am aware that your Chief Administrative Officer is in the process of arranging a date for a Bowen Island Council delegation to meet with yourself and the Vice Chair Rogers. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss our situation with you in more detail, and develop a plan that will see cost reductions for Bowen Island down the road.

Given that Councillor Kaile will be away until the latter part of February, I suggest we delay any meeting until his return.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Ander', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Ander  
Mayor  
Bowen Island Municipality

*cc: Islands Trust Council  
Russ Hotsenpiller, CAO*

**RE: Ruth Simons, Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society**

From: Ruth Simons [mailto:howesoundbri@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 9:08 AM  
To: Kate-Louise Stamford; Dan Rogers; Sue Ellen Fast  
Subject: Squamish Nation support

Good morning,

I am just putting all of our final documents together into our package to deliver to UNESCO on Monday in Ottawa. I just received this letter from the Squamish Nation. I know it was important to the Islands Trust to have this support, I will now be writing to the other First Nations that have some claims in the region.

The only letter of support from local governments I am missing is one from Islands Trust or the Local Trust area. I have the wording of the resolution passed but no letter to include past or present. It is very late now, but if at some time in the near future one could be written I can add it to the package. I will likely be sending out letters soon to all that have endorsed the Biosphere and I could put in a request specifically to the Islands Trust for a letter if that would be best.

Thank you,  
Ruth Simons,  
Lead,  
Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society,  
Initiative for a UNESCO Biosphere Region designation  
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November 26, 2019

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**Attn: Ruth Simons, Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society**

Dear Ms. Simons:

**Re: Squamish Nation Support and Understandings - Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region ("Biosphere Region")**

Squamish Nation Council is supportive of the Biosphere Region initiative, and has given my department a mandate to lead the Nation's participation moving forward.

As you know, the proposed Biosphere Region falls within Squamish Nation traditional territory, in which we hold strong rights and title interests. The Nation has acted as steward of the lands, waters and resources within its territory since time immemorial.

Today, Squamish continues to seek appropriate recognition of its rights and interests in its territory, and this process of reconciliation with domestic levels of government is ongoing. Given the strong underpinning of the Biosphere Region model by the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* ("UNDRIP"), we view this designation as one that will respect and facilitate the economic and territorial reconciliation work that we continue to undertake.

In providing its support for the Biosphere Region proposal, Squamish Nation understands as follows:

- that the designation of the Biosphere Region, and any processes or initiatives associated with it, are without prejudice to, and do not affect:
  - Squamish Nation's rights and title interests in its territory; or
  - any future treaty or other territorial reconciliation processes;
- that the zonation proposed in the Biosphere Region nomination document is without prejudice to Squamish Nation's rights and title interests, and that it will evolve in consideration of ongoing and future Squamish Nation land and marine use planning, and other Nation interests and objectives;



- that the Biosphere Region will not be interpreted as limiting or directing decisions made by Squamish Nation in respect of its land, resources or other interests;
- that the Biosphere Region designation is underpinned by UNDRIP, and will be interpreted and viewed in a manner that is wholly consistent with the principles and articles of UNDRIP.

We ask that this letter be attached to and form part of the formal Biosphere Region nomination document.

The proposed Biosphere Region is a clear recognition of the unique and valued features of our Squamish Nation territory. We are excited to be a part of this important initiative, and look forward to helping steer it towards success.

Chen kw'enmántumi  
(I thank you),

SQUAMISH NATION



Peter Baker  
Director Rights & Title Department  
Squamish Nation

