



## Executive Committee Addendum

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019  
Time: 9:45 am  
Location: Oak Bay Community Centre  
Small Lounge  
1975 Bee Street, Victoria BC V8R 5E6

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## Trust Council Minutes of a Meeting

**Date:** January 15 - 16, 2019  
**Location:** Coast Bastion Hotel  
11 Bastion Street, Nanaimo, BC

**Executive Present:** Peter Luckham, Chair - Thetis Island  
Sue Ellen Fast, Vice Chair - Bowen Island Municipal  
Laura Patrick, Vice Chair - Salt Spring Island  
Dan Rogers, Vice Chair - Gambier/Keats Island

**Trustees Present:** Laura Busheikin, Denman Island  
David Critchley, Denman Island  
Scott Colbourne, Gabriola Island  
Kees Langereis, Gabriola Island  
Tahirih Rockafella, Galiano Island  
Jane Wolverton, Galiano Island  
Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Island  
Alex Allen, Hornby Island  
Peter Johnston, Lasqueti Island  
Timothy Peterson, Lasqueti Island  
Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island  
David Maude, Mayne Island  
Ben McConchie, North Pender Island  
Deb Morrison, North Pender Island  
Peter Grove, Salt Spring Island  
Paul Brent, Saturna Island  
Lee Middleton, Saturna Island  
Cameron Thorn, South Pender Island  
Steve Wright, South Pender Island  
Doug Fenton, Thetis Island

**Regrets:** Michael Kaile, Bowen Island Municipal

**Staff Present:** Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer  
David Marlor, Director Local Planning Services/Recorder  
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services  
Julia Mobbs, Director, Administrative Services  
Carmen Thiel, Legislative Services Manager  
Kate Emmings, Acting Manager IT Conservancy  
Miles Drew, Bylaw Enforcement Manager  
Ann Kjerulf, Northern Office Regional Planning Manager  
Stefan Cermak, Salt Spring Island Regional Planning Manager  
Fiona MacRaild, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor  
Lisa Wilcox, Acting Policy Advisor  
Nigel Hughs, Computer Application Systems Technologist  
Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator/Recorder

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM stating gratitude for holding it on Coast Salish territory. He cited Trustee Kaile's regret.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

For consideration to add to the agenda:

**20.1 New Business**

Amend Trust Council meeting locations for March and June.

**By General Consent**, the agenda was adopted as amended.

**3. LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES SESSION**

Director of Local Planning Services (DLPS) Marlbor presented a PowerPoint for the Trust Council orientation session. Bylaw Enforcement Manager (BEM) Drew finished the session presentation.

Trustee Dodds arrived at 10:14 AM.

Questions were heard on land use planning and bylaw enforcement. Discussion followed.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:21 AM and reconvened at 10:39 AM.

**4. TRUST AREA SERVICES SESSION**

Director of Trust Area Services (DTAS) Frater presented a PowerPoint for the Trust Council orientation session.

Questions and answers on advocacy topics, communications and the Islands Trust Policy Statement followed.

**5. ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY SESSION**

Acting Manager of Islands Trust Conservancy (A/MITC) Emmings presented a PowerPoint for the Trust Council orientation session.

Discussion followed on how the Conservancy protects land with NAPTEP (Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program) including federal protection through advocacy and land use decision making at the local trust committee (LTC) level.

Chair of the Islands Trust Conservancy, Trustee Stamford also offered comments.

Chair Luckham noted that 18% of the Trust Area is now protected in perpetuity on behalf of the citizens of British Columbia.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:30 PM and reconvened 1:32 PM.

**6. ADMINISTRATION / BUDGET 2019-2020 SESSION**

Chair of the Financial Planning Committee, (FPC) Grove gave introductions to the Budget Session followed by CAO Hotsenpiller who encouraged inquiry into the presentation.

Director of Administrative Services (DAS) Mobbs noted this was her premier draft budget presentation to Council. She reviewed all budget items with Council in preparation for taking the draft budget to public consultation.

**6.1 September 30, 2018 Q2 Financial Report – RFD  
TC-2019-001**

**It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Brent**

That Trust Council approved the September 30, 2018 Q2 Financial Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 September 30, 2018 Q2 Forecast – Briefing**

Director Mobbs reviewed the briefing.

Questions followed on line items in the budget including the Victoria office renovation project.

Each Executive Committee (EC) member spoke to its decision moving forward with the renovation project.

Chair Luckham requested the minutes note Trustee Kaile's recent communications with trustees concerning the Bowen Island contribution increase.

The meeting recessed for a break at 3:00 PM and reconvened at 3:15 PM.

**6.3 Draft 2019/20 Budget Assumptions & Principles**

DAS Mobbs reviewed the briefing, discussion followed.

**6.4 Draft 2019/20 Budget Overview**

DAS Mobbs presented the budget overview, discussion followed.

**6.5 Draft 2019/20 Budget Detail**

**6.5.1 Draft 2019-2020 Budget Funding Requests**

Director of Trust Area Services (DTAS) Frater spoke to the website discovery business case. Discussion followed.

DAS Mobbs finished with the remaining budget requests from the agenda package.

**6.5.1.1 Summary of 2019/20 Budget Funding Requests**

DAS Mobbs reviewed the summary.

**6.5.1.2 2019/20 Budget Funding Request Business Cases**

**TC-2019-002**

**It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Patrick,**

That Trust Council approve funding to add a full-time island planner in the Salt Spring office to the draft budget.

**CARRIED**

**By General Consent**, Trust Council will address unfinished items from today's budget session at the Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> morning session.

**7. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT / CONFLICT OF INTEREST / FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SESSION**  
This item was tabled to Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**8. FIRST NATIONS SESSION**

At 4:09 PM Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor (SIPA) Fiona MacRaild gave a Power Point presentation to Trust Council after handing out binders prepared for each local trust area.

A blanketing ceremony for SIPA MacRaild followed led by Chief Ian Campbell of Squamish Nation. Chief Bill Williams and Acting Policy Advisor, Wilcox were also present.

**By General Consent**, at 5:30 PM the meeting was adjourned for the day.

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019 the meeting reconvened at 8:30 AM**

Chair Luckham opened the meeting and continued with unfinished items from the budget session.

**6. ADMINISTRATION / BUDGET 2019-2020 SESSION**

**TC-2019-003**

**It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Dodds,**

That Trust Council fund the new island planner position approved for inclusion in the draft 2019/2020 budget from surplus for the 2019/2020 year.

**DEFEATED**

**TC-2019-004**

**It was Moved by Trustee Rogers and Seconded by Trustee Brent,**

That Trust Council rescind the motion made on January 15, 2019 (**TC-2019-002**) to add an additional island planner position to the Salt Spring planning staff, and to adopt as presented the Salt Spring island planner business case.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2019-005**

**It was Moved by Trustee Morrison and Seconded by Trustee Brent,**

That the Islands Trust Council request that staff change the website renewal business case to focus on digital communication improvements up to \$115,000, subject to review of the discovery data by Trust Council.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2019-006**

**It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Critchley,**

That Trust Council amend **TC-2019-004** to add: "and that this amount be financed by surplus."

**DEFEATED**

**TC-2019-007**

**It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Thorn**

That the draft 2019/20 budget be put to public consultation as amended.

**CARRIED**

**9. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Hotsenpiller presented a PowerPoint for the Trust Council orientation session.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:00 AM and reconvened at 10:15 AM.

DLPS Marlor began filling in as minute taker/ recorder at 10:30 AM

CAO Hotsenpiller continued with the session. A question and answer period followed.

The meeting recessed for a break at 11:03 AM and reconvened at 11:08 AM.

**7. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT / CONFLICT OF INTEREST / FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SESSION**

CAO Hotsenpiller introduced Legislative Services Manager (LSM) Theil who presented a PowerPoint for trustee orientation. A question and answer period followed.

**10. BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

This item was addressed in Wednesday's session under item 6.

**11. STAFF AWARDS**

CAO Hotsenpiller presented the annual staff awards for Champion to Planner Eggen and Administrative Assistant Cottingham (joint award); Innovation to LSM Thiel, and Legacy to BEM Drew.

The meeting recessed for lunch 12:05 PM and reconvened at 12:35 PM.

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING**

**12.1 Resolutions Without Meeting - TC-RWM-2018-005; TC-RWM-2018-006; TC-RWM-2018-008**

Received for information.

**12.2 November 7-8, 2018 Trust Council Meeting Draft Minutes**

**By General Consent**, the minutes were adopted as presented.

**12.3 Trust Council Follow-up Action List**

CAO Hotsenpiller reviewed the list and Directors spoke to their items of responsibility.

**12.4 Trustee Round Table**

This was deferred to the end of meeting if time allowed.

**13. EXECUTIVE**

**13.1 Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

CAO Hotsenpiller provided his report.

**13.2 Executive Committee Work Program Report  
TC-2019-008**

**It was Moved by Trustee Fast and Seconded by Trustee Grove,**

That the Islands Trust Council approve the top priorities of the Executive Committee Work Program Report.

**CARRIED**

**13.3 Policy 2.3.1 [Council Committee System Policy] Amendment - RFD**

Director Marlor noted this RFD remedies an inconsistency between the TC Meeting Procedures Bylaw and Council Committee Policy 2.3.1.

**TC-2019-009**

**It was Moved by Trustee Rogers and Seconded by Trustee Peterson,**  
That Trust Council adopt amended "Policy 2.3.1 Council Committee System".

**CARRIED**

**14. LOCAL PLANNING**

**14.1 Director of Local Planning Services Report**

DLPS Marlor read his report.

**14.2 Bylaw Enforcement Statistics – Briefing**

BEM Drew presented his report.

**14.3 Local Trust Committee Fees Review - RFD**

DLPS Marlor introduced the RFD. Discussion was heard on the following points:

- Would be a top priority for the Local Planning Committee (LPC)
- Current fees do not cover the full costs,
- Some public comments call to simplify the procedures,
- Development permits could be delegated to staff for approval,
- First Nation referral costs.

**TC-2019-010**

**It was Moved by Trustee Fast and Seconded by Trustee Thorn,**  
That Trust Council request the Local Planning Committee to report back on a Local Trust Committee applications fee strategy.

**CARRIED**

**15. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**15.1 Director of Administrative Services Report**

DAS Mobbs provided her report.

**15.2 Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report**

**TC-2019-011**

**It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Brent,**  
That the Islands Trust Council approve the top priorities of the Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report.

**CARRIED**

**15.3 March 31, 2018 Allocated Financial Statements – Briefing**

DAS Mobbs reviewed the report on statements.

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 1:23 PM.

**15.4 Policy 7.2.1 Trustee Remuneration Amendment - RFD**

DAS Mobbs spoke to the wording amendment for the remuneration policy.

Discussion on compensating trustees for meetings ensued.

**TC-2019-012**

**It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Peterson,**

That Trust Council approve the amended wording of Policy 7.2.1 *Trustee Remuneration*.

**CARRIED**

**16. TRUST AREA SERVICES**

**16.1 Director of Trust Area Services Report**

Received for information.

**16.2 A/Manager Islands Trust Conservancy Report**

Received for information.

**16.3 Community Stewardship Award – Briefing**

CAO Hotsenpiller provided an overview.

It was noted that trustees are not eligible to make nominations.

**17. DELEGATIONS AND TOWN HALL**

**Susan Yates** long standing former Gabriola trustee, was recognized.

**17.1 Advocating for a Zero Emission/GHG reduction plan for BC Ferries - case for Electric Ferry Pilot**

There was no presentation as delegation cancelled.

**17.2 Gulf Islands Alliance**

There was no presentation as delegation cancelled.

**18. CORRESPONDENCE**

When correspondence addressed to council is received it is forwarded directly.

**19. SUMMARY / UPDATES**

**19.1 Trustee Updates**

**19.1.1 BC Ferries (Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs)**

Chair Luckham noted BC Ferries over and above response to the December 21 storm where they remedied serious damage to the Penelakut dock.

Trustee Brent cited BC Ferries response to a CRD request to provide water during the boil advisory following the storm on Saturna.

**19.1.2 Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Advisory Committee (Trustee Middleton)**

Trustee Middleton awaits an announcement from the National Parks.

**19.1.3 Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority (SSIWPA)**

SSIWPA now co-chaired by Trustee Patrick and CRD Director. A community information meeting (CIM) in January will address the special tax requisition.

**19.1.4 Howe Sound Community Forum**

Trustee Stamford spoke on the forum which happens twice a year, the upcoming location to be determined.



Ocean Watch has been working with local governments and the Biosphere application is moving forward. Mapping and science of the area is progressing.

19.1.5 Freighter Roundtable Update

Chair Luckham noted that Transport Canada was behind in reporting on the Oceans Protection plan.

Trustee Fenton concurred citing a disconnect as ships continue to flow steady. There is a regional meeting January 25.

**19.2 Priorities Chart**

**By General Consent**, the Priorities Chart was approved as presented.

**19.3 Disposition of Delegations and Town Hall Requests**

None

**20. NEW BUSINESS**

**20.1 Amend Trust Council meeting locations for March and June  
TC-2019-013**

**It was Moved by Trustee Rogers and Seconded by Trustee Langereis,**

That Trust Council amend the March meeting location to Gabriola Island and the June meeting location to Galiano Island.

**CARRIED**

**21. CLOSED MEETING (Separate Agenda)**

**TC-2019-014**

**It was Moved by Trustee Patrick and Seconded by Trustee Fast,**

That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations,
  - (g) litigation affecting the Islands Trust; and
  - (i) receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege;
- and that staff be invited to attend the closed session.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 2:00 PM and reopened to the public at 2:27 PM. There was no rise and report.

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:27 PM and reconvened at 2:35 PM.

Trustees Maude, Stamford and Allen left at 2:35 PM.

**22. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE REVIEW SESSION**

DLPS Marlor presented the session.

Between 3:10 PM and 3:18 PM the following Trustees left the meeting: Wolverton, Brent, Rockafella, Middleton, Wright and Fenton.

**23. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Islands Trust Council will be held March 12-14 on Gabriola Island.

**24. ADJOURNMENT  
TC-2019-015**

**It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Peterson,**  
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:21 PM.

**CARRIED**

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**Peter Luckham, Chair**

**Certified Correct**

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**Lori Foster, Recorder**

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**David Marlor, Recorder**

## Island Trust Council Priorities Chart

| Islands Trust Council Goals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Executive Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Islands Trust Conservancy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ecosystem Preservation and Protection</li> <li>2. Ensure human activity and development are compatible with maintenance of Trust Area ecosystems</li> <li>3. Sustain Island Character and Healthy Communities</li> <li>4. Effective, Efficient and Collaborative Governance</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Islands Trust Act Amendments</li> <li>2. Update Islands Trust Policy Statement</li> <li>3. Anchorages Advocacy Strategies</li> <li>4. Council Committee Improvements</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strategic Planning/Administration</li> <li>2. Covenant and Property Acquisitions</li> <li>3. Property and Covenant Management</li> <li>4. Communications</li> <li>5. Fundraising and Conservancy Support</li> </ol> |

| Financial Planning Committee                                                                                                                                                                                    | Local Planning Committee                                                                                                                          | Trust Programs Committee                                                                                                                                          |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finalize the 2019/20 Budget and forward to Ministry for approval.</li> <li>2. Complete the 2018/19 Forecast</li> <li>3. Conduct the 2018/19 Year-end Audit</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <span style="font-family: Calibri;">DAI Model Bylaws</span></li> <li>2. LTC Model Fees Bylaw</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the Islands Trust Policy Statement</li> <li>2. Trust Secretariat</li> <li>3. Sea Level Rise Workshops</li> </ol> |



### Northern Islands

Ballenas-Winchelsea, Denman, Gabriola,  
Gambier, Hornby, Lasqueti, Thetis

#### Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands

1. Advocacy for the protection and appropriate use of Crown islets.
2. Nanoose First Nation Relationship Building.
3. Implement the Protection of Coastal Douglas fir and association ecosystems toolkit and Islands Trust Conservancy Regional Conservation Plan.

#### Denman Island

1. Denman Island Farm Plan Implementation
2. Temporary Use Permits
3. Cannabis Land Use Regulation

#### Gabriola Island

1. Housing Options and Impacts Review Project
2. Cannabis Production and Retail Sales
3. Develop an Ecological Protection Zone

#### Gambier Island

1. Riparian Areas Regulation
2. Gambier OCP Comprehensive Review
3. Keats Island Shoreline Protection Project - Phase 2
4. OCP Advocacy Policies - Implementation & Support

### Southern Islands

Galiano, Mayne, North Pender,  
South Pender, Saturna

#### Galiano Island

1. Affordable Housing Strategy
2. Dock Review

#### Mayne Island

1. Commercial Land Use Review
2. Affordable Housing (tiny home initiative)
3. Review of Zoning for Contractors Yards

#### North Pender Island

1. Land Use Planning for Waste Transfer
2. Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and Resilience

#### Saturna Island

1. Secondary Suite Review
2. Short Term Vacation Rentals - TUP Guidelines
3. First Nations Relationship Building

#### South Pender Island

1. First Nations Reconciliation
2. Pedestrian and Cycle Routes



**Northern Islands**

Ballenas-Winchelsea, Denman, Gabriola,  
Gambier, Hornby, Lasqueti, Thetis

**Hornby Island**

1. Land Use Bylaw Amendments
2. Groundwater Protection and Water Conservation
3. Vacation Home Rental Community Education and Bylaw Compliance Campaign

**Lasqueti Island**

1. OCP/LUB Review
2. Freshwater Project
3. Review permitted uses upland to barge ramp.

**Thetis Island**

1. Riparian Areas Regulation Implementation
2. Ruxton Island Private Moorage Review
3. Relationship Building with Local First Nations

**Salt Spring Island**

**Salt Spring Island**

1. Water Sustainability
2. Ganges Village Area Planning - Harbourwalk
3. LUB Update - Industrial Zones
4. LUB Update - Rural Watershed Uses. Agricultural uses appear incompatible with watershed drinking water quality.
5. Affordable Rental Housing - Cottages



#### Climate Action Group

February 22, 2019

**TO: Trust Council**

**SUBJECT:** Proposed declaration of a climate emergency

The Climate Action Group on Salt Spring Island has expressed its concerns to the Islands Trust in recent years about the need to take more urgent action on lowering carbon footprints in the Trust Area. Indeed, it has been one of the objectives in the 2014-18 Strategic Plan.

We are supporting new international initiatives for local governments to recognise the importance of the issue by declaring a climate emergency in local jurisdictions with the goal of pressing for increased action by senior governments.

In this context, we submit the following proposal for consideration by Trust Council at its upcoming meeting in March, 2019

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The climate crisis is real and the Islands Trust Area is already seeing the impact;

The latest UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report indicates the urgent need for strong action to limit average global temperature increases to 1.5°C.

The British Columbia government declared a provincial state of emergency in 2017 and again in 2018 over record-setting wildfires; extreme weather events are expected to continue until greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and atmospheric carbon dioxide levels are reduced to below current levels.

A growing list of communities around the world, including BC's Capital Regional District, have joined an international movement in declaring a Climate Emergency to focus attention and resources on resolving the climate crisis;

A Climate Emergency plan includes reversing the growth of GHG emissions and achieving carbon neutrality by 2030, which is challenging but not impossible if all levels of government take the necessary actions.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Trust Council declare a Climate Emergency in the Islands Trust Area.
2. That Trust Council take a leadership role toward achieving carbon neutrality in the Islands Trust Area by 2030.

3. That the Chair write to:
  - a. the Chair of the Capital Regional District Board endorsing its declaration of a Climate Emergency and stating Trust Council's intent to cooperate on agreed climate actions;
  - b. the Chairs of other regional districts in the Islands Trust Area asserting Trust Council's full support for declarations of a Climate Emergency;
  - c. the BC Minister of Environment and Climate Change expressing support for provincial efforts to close the 25% emissions gap in the *CleanBC Plan*, and call on the Province to provide the powers and resources to local governments to make Trust Council's 2030 target possible;
  - d. the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change expressing Trust Council's support of Canada meeting its Nationally Determined Contribution target made in the Paris Agreement and calling on the federal government to provide the powers and resources to local governments to make Trust Council's 2030 target possible.
4. That Trust Council direct staff to report back to the June 2019 Council meeting on measures that would be required to meet the 2030 target, such as:
  - a. proposing amendments to the 2018-22 Strategic Plan and the Trust Policy Statement that would support this initiative.
  - b. establishing a Climate Emergency senior staff position or Committee with adequate budget resources;
  - c. allocating other staff time and budget to facilitate the implementation of Trust Council-approved climate actions.
  - d. establishing a carbon budget in the Islands Trust Area for corporate and community GHG emissions;
  - e. establishing rigorous climate criteria for assessing land-use development applications.
  - f. reviewing reliable annual indicators to monitor progress towards achieving carbon neutrality in the Trust Area.
  - g. developing a plan for community education and engagement.

#### **Implications of the recommendation**

1. It demonstrates that the Trust acknowledges the urgency of responding to the potentially devastating impacts of a changing weather patterns on island communities and our natural environment.
2. That addressing climate change is fundamental to the Trust's ``preserve and protect`` object.
3. It affirms that reducing GHG emissions will result in less air and water pollution, more sustainable economies, healthier citizens and cleaner, renewable energy sources.
4. That effective action taken sooner will avert higher costs that would be incurred by island communities in future years to remedy the damage caused by extreme weather events.

We look forward to your response.

**Peter Lamb**

Peter Lamb  
Coordinator