



Executive Committee Agenda

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Quadra Room
11 Bastion Street, Nanaimo BC

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 - 11.1 Review and amendment of current work program
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- 12. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled to be held electronically on March 22, 2023, from the Victoria office boardroom, 1627 Fort Street.
- 13. CLOSED MEETING (if applicable)

None scheduled.
- 14. ADJOURNMENT



Executive Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: February 13, 2023

Location: Islands Trust Victoria Boardroom
200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC

Members Present: Peter Luckham, Chair, Thetis Island Trustee
Tobi Elliott, Vice-Chair, Gabriola Island Trustee
David Maude, Vice-Chair, Mayne Island Trustee
Timothy Peterson, Vice-Chair, Lasqueti Island Trustee

Staff Present: Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) (boardroom)
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services (DTAS)
Julia Mobbs, Director, Administrative Services (DAS)
Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services (DPS)
Warren Dingman, Manager, Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement (BCEM)
Dilani Hippola, Senior Policy Advisor
Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator/Recorder (boardroom)

Members of the Public Present: 2 members of the public joined the meeting electronically.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
Each Executive Committee (EC) member acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional and treaty territories of many Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Introduction of New Items – None

2.2 Approval of Agenda

By general consent, the agenda was approved as presented.

2.2.1 Agenda Context Notes

For information as noted at for item 11.1 re: BC Coastal Maine Strategy Policy Forum.

3. CLOSED MEETING

At 9:04 a.m. the meeting was closed to the public.

EC-2023-011

It was Moved and Seconded,

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.

CARRIED

At 9:50 a.m. the meeting reopened to the public.

4. RISE AND REPORT DECISIONS FROM PREVIOUSLY CLOSED MEETING

Chair Luckham reported from the closed meeting that the following correspondence be added to the agenda:

- 11.4 J. Robertson re: Application of Islands Trust Policy, Standards of Conduct email dated January 24, 2023
- 11.5 B. Lockett re: GLTC Trustee Mabberley letter dated January 17, 2023

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 January 11, 2023 draft minutes

By general consent, the minutes were adopted as presented.

6. FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST AND UPDATES

6.1 Follow Up Action List/Director/CAO Updates

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Hotsenpiller and directors gave status updates on FUAL items and spoke to:

- challenges booking Gabriola and/or Salt Spring in June for Trust Council,
- most of the trustee training online webinars have been delivered to trustees; a survey will follow looking for feedback and further direction,
- an update on the Governance Committee's work items, and referral to Financial Planning Committee regarding corporate planning,
- staffing retirements in the Northern office and transitioning with new hires,
- rekindling the San Juan County Council relationship.

6.2 Local Trust Committee Chair Updates

Chairs of their local trust committees (LTC) provided updates to recently attended and upcoming LTC meetings.

6.3 Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) Liaison Update

Vice-Chair Elliott reported the following ITC board members new roles via acclamation - Chair, Linda Adams; Vice-Chair, Risa Smith and ITC rep to Financial Planning Committee, Susan Yates.

8. TRUST COUNCIL MEETING PREPARATION

All item 8. reports, request for decisions (RFD) and briefings were reviewed by Executive Committee for forwarding to the March 7-9th Trust Council agenda with changes discussed.

8.1 Executive

8.1.1 March Trust Council DRAFT schedule

- Trustee Roundtable session not shown, add back to Tuesday afternoon,
- Allow time for budget discussion and possible amendments on Wednesday,
- Add director reports as consent agenda items,
- Trustee Summary/Updates on Thursday, in future change to consent agenda format for receipt, March Trust Council to be offered as the last verbal reporting out format.

The March Trust Council draft schedule will be brought back to EC's February 22nd meeting for further review as needed.

8.1.2 Reconciliation Learning Group – RFD

Forward as presented.

8.1.3 Revision of Sunshine Coast Regional District Funding Support Letter – RFD

Forward as presented.

8.1.4 Council Committee System Policy Update and Consolidation – RFD

Forward as presented.

8.1.5 Establishment of an Accessibility Committee – RFD

Forward as presented.

8.2 Local Planning Services

8.2.1 Bylaw Enforcement Policies and Practices Overview – Briefing

Amendments to briefing were discussed as follows:

- Fix noted typographical errors,
- Present statistical information regarding file status in table format.

Forward to Trust Council as amended.

8.3 Administrative Services – None

8.4 Trust Area Services – None

9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROJECTS

9.1 Trust Council Initiated

9.1.1 Executive – None

9.1.2 Trust Area Services

9.1.2.1 Draft Revised Policy Statement Amendment Project Charter V6 – RFD

Senior Policy Advisor Hippola spoke to the request for decision and next steps regarding the review and engagement of the Policy Statement Amendment Project referencing draft option one on page 78 and draft option 2 on page 80 of this agenda package.

Executive Committee discussed the following:

- engagement and communications budget/plan relative to local trust committees,
- not changing the project charter; however, add more analysis to the request for decision,
- reporting on “lessons learning” from the last Policy Statement engagement process.

The draft revised Policy Statement Project Charter V6 will be brought back to EC’s February 22nd meeting for further review as needed.

EC-2023-012

It was Moved and Seconded,

That Executive Committee recommend further analysis and implications regarding Policy Statement Amendment Project Charter v6, as presented in the February 7th request for decision, be provided in terms of the relevant benefits of option 1 and option 2.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

9.1.3 Local Planning Services - None

9.1.4 Administrative Services – None

9.2 Executive Committee Initiated

9.2.1 Executive

9.2.1.1 Request for Executive Committee Sponsorship of TUP and DVP Application Fee – RFD

Executive discussed the request for decision as presented and discussed consideration of increasing the sponsorship budget with the increase in application fees for most local trust committees.

EC-2023-013

It was Moved and Seconded,

THAT the Executive Committee approve financial sponsorship of \$4050 for Temporary Use Permit application GL-TUP-2023.1 (Parfit) & Development Variance Permit application GL-DVP-2023.1 (Parfit) application which would temporarily permit the community arts facility use, legalize existing buildings and structures, and permit parking areas within a setback.

CARRIED

9.2.1.2 Update on request to the Province for a tree cutting authority – Briefing

CAO Hotsenpiller spoke to the briefing as presented.

Comments that the Coastal Douglas-fir data is being clarified were heard.

Received for information.

9.2.1.3 Draft Budget 2023/24 Review of Funding Requests - Briefing

Staff spoke to Financial Planning Committee's request that all standing committees review and reduce funding requests.

9.2.1.4 Draft Budget 2023/24 Review of Funding Requests – Briefing

Executive Committee discussed their funding requests as presented in the briefing for consideration of possible reductions.

EC-2023-014

It was Moved and Seconded,

That Executive Committee advise Financial Planning Committee that budget reductions were considered however there were none recommended.

CARRIED

9.2.1.5 Revised Policy Statement Amendment Project Business Case FY 2023-24 – RFD

Executive Committee discussed the request for decision as presented.

EC-2023-015

It was Moved and Seconded,

That Executive Committee amend its budget recommendation to the Financial Planning Committee, for the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget by:

- Reducing Policy Statement Amendment Project funding to \$50,000, and forwarding the amended Policy Statement Amendment Project 2023/24 business case to the Financial Planning Committee.

CARRIED

9.2.2 Trust Area Services

9.2.2.1 Agreement with Snaw-Naw-As First Nation - RFD

DTAS Frater spoke to the request for decision (RFD) as presented.

At 1:17 p.m., Chair Luckham's electronic connection was dropped.

EC-2023-016

It was Moved and Seconded,

That Executive Committee request staff to cooperate with Snaw-Naw-As First Nation to develop a protocol agreement for Trust Council's consideration.

CARRIED

At 1:18 p.m., Chair Luckham reconnected electronically to the meeting.

9.2.3 Local Planning Services – None

9.2.4 Administrative Services

9.2.4.1 Actual and Forecasted Over Expenditures – Briefing

DAS Mobbs spoke to the briefing as presented.

Discussion following on the reporting out of overspending.

Received for information.

10. NEW BUSINESS - None

10.1 Executive/Trust Council - None

10.2 Trust Area Services - None

10.2.1 LTC Chairs Report on Local Advocacy Topics - None

10.3 Local Planning Services - None

10.4 Administrative Services – None

11. CORRESPONDENCE (for information unless raised for action)

11.1 Invitation to register for the BC Coastal Marine Strategy Policy Forum email dated January 16, 2023

See item 2.2.1 Agenda Context Notes for optional dates as the forum conflicts with Trust Council.

EC-2023-017

It was Moved and Seconded,

That Executive Committee request staff to poll trustees for participation in a webinar presentation re: BC Coastal Marine strategy policy by provincial staff using the dates provided.

CARRIED

11.2 Representation requested re: Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Plan (VICC-CLP) email dated January 20, 2023

Vice-Chair Elliott expressed interest in being a representative on this committee noting that her committee participation and workload is expanding.

EC-2023-018

It was Moved and Seconded,

That Executive Committee appoint Vice-Chair Elliott to the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Plan committee (VICC-CLP).

CARRIED

11.3 Saanich Inlet Protection Society re: next roundtable February 23, 2023

Received for information.

11.4 J. Robertson re: Application of Islands Trust Policy, Standards of Conduct email dated January 24, 2023

See resolution EC-2023-019.

11.5 B. Lockett re: GLTC Trustee Mabberley letter dated January 17, 2023

EC-2023-019

It was Moved and Seconded,

That Executive Committee request staff to respond to correspondence items 11.4 and 11.5.

CARRIED

12. WORK PROGRAM

12.1 Review and amendment of current work program

Received for information.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled to be held in person at the Islands Trust Victoria Office boardroom on February 22, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct

Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator



Executive Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: February 22, 2023

Location: Islands Trust Victoria Boardroom
200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC

Members Present: Peter Luckham, Chair, Thetis Trustee
Tobi Elliott, Vice-Chair, Gabriola Trustee electronic
David Maude, Vice-Chair, Mayne Trustee
Timothy Peterson, Vice-Chair, Lasqueti Trustee electronic

Staff Present: Acting CAO Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services (DTAS)
David Marlbor, Director, Legislative Services (DLS) electronic
Warren, Director, Administrative Services (DAS)
Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services (DPS)
Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator/Recorder

Public Present: There were between 2-3 members of the public present electronically as attendees

1. CALL TO ORDER

Originally scheduled to start in-person at 9:00 am, due to ferry cancellations and bad weather, the meeting began one hour later.

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. stating gratitude to live and work on Coast Salish First Nations traditional and treaty territory.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Introduction of New Items

EC-2023-020

It was Moved and Seconded,

That Executive Committee approve the electronic attendance of Vice-Chairs Elliott and Peterson to the in-person meeting.

CARRIED

For consideration to add the following items at:

- 9.5 Delegates to the April 5-7, 2023 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Housing Forum
- 7.2.5 Address Vice-Chair Peterson's notice of motion re: Policy Statement which was circulated via email to EC Monday, February 20th

2.2 Approval of Agenda

By general consent, the agenda was approved as amended.

2.2.1 Agenda Context Notes – None

By general consent, Executive Committee addressed item 13. Closed Meeting next.

13. CLOSED MEETING

At 10:09 a.m., the meeting was closed to the public.

EC-2023-021

It was Moved and Seconded,

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.

CARRIED

At 10:49 a.m., the meeting was reopened to the public.

3. RISE AND REPORT DECISIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

Chair Luckham reported that the Trust Council in-camera agenda was forwarded to the March 9th meeting.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The February 13th Executive Committee (EC) minutes are a pending late items and will come to the March 7th EC business meeting.

5. FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST AND UPDATES

5.1 Follow Up Action List (FUAL)/Director/CAO Updates

Acting Chief Administrative Officer (A/CAO), Frater spoke to the FUAL items list. Discussion ensued on the following:

- Prioritizing funding request from the province,
- Salt Spring Island's Capital Regional District (CRD) Local Community Commission,
- San Juan County Council reconnection,
- Snaw-Naw-As Protocol agreement,
- Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act now requires all local governments to have a program head, briefing and schedule updates for LTC's to be prepared.

5.2 Local Trust Committee Chair Updates

Chairs of their local trust committees (LTC) provided updates to recently attended and upcoming LTC meetings.

5.3 Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) Liaison Update

Vice-Chair Elliott reported that the Conservancy Board is following the BC Marine Strategy Policy Forum and the Oceans Protection Plan Forum.

6. BYLAWS FOR APPROVAL CONSIDERATION – None

7. TRUST COUNCIL MEETING PREPARATION

7.1 Executive

7.1.1 March Trust Council DRAFT Schedule

- Move Disposition of Delegations and Correspondence to 10:30 on Thursday.
- Trustee Updates could be consent items, received for information.
- Remove the word Chair from BC Ferries update item.
- Remove Gulf Island National Park Reserve.
- Update forum names.
- First Nations Relations, move to top.
- On Island meetings briefings. Pending late item.
- Provide opportunities for full discussion and debate on items.

Forward as amended.

7.1.2 March Trust Council DRAFT Agenda

Forward as amended.

7.1.3 November Trust Council draft minutes

Forward as presented.

7.1.4 December Trust Council draft minutes

Forward as presented.

7.1.5 Trust Council Follow-up Action List

- Discussion to prioritize funding request to the Province shown as CAO FUAL item 1, Vice-Chair Elliott to bring as business to upcoming EC meetings.
- Tree-cutting item note “on hold” in comments.

Forward as amended.

7.1.6 Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Forward as presented.

7.1.7 Trust Council 2023 On Island Meetings – Briefing

Pending late item, will be on the March 7th Executive Committee meeting.

7.1.8 Financial Planning Committee Membership – RFD

Forward as presented.

7.1.9 Provincial Review Report - Briefing

Forward as presented.

7.1.10 Governance Committee Chair Report

Forward as presented.

7.2 Trust Area Services

7.2.1 Trust Area Services Director's Report

Forward as presented.

7.2.2 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report

Forward as presented.

7.2.3 Islands Trust Conservancy Report

Forward as presented.

7.2.4 Legislative Monitoring Briefing

Forward as presented.

7.2.5 Draft Revised Policy Statement Amendment Project Charter v6 - RFD

Executive Committee discussed using easily understood language, more clarity at staff level, Trust Programs Committee recommendations, sufficient information, hybrid recommendation for a shorter program, communications support for public consultation at with LTC's.

EC-2023-022

It was Moved and Seconded,

That Executive Committee request staff amend Option 2 – Draft Revised Policy Statement Project Charter v6 as discussed and forward to Trust Council for decision.

CARRIED

7.4 Local Planning Services

By general consent, forward items 7.4.1 to 7.4.4 to Trust Council as presented.

- 7.4.1 Regional Planning Committee Work Program Report
- 7.4.2 Planning Services Director's Report
- 7.4.3 Bylaw Enforcement Statistical - Briefing
- 7.4.4 Bylaw Enforcement Policies and Practices Overview - Session Outline

7.3 Administrative Services

By general consent, forward items 7.3.1 to 7.3.18 to Trust Council as presented.

- 7.3.1 Administrative Services Director's Report
- 7.3.2 Financial Planning Committee Work Program
- 7.3.3 Q3 Financial Report - RFD
- 7.3.4 Q3 Financial Forecast - BRF
- 7.3.5 Draft Budget Session Outline
- 7.3.6 Draft Budget Assumptions and Principles - BRF
- 7.3.7 Draft Budget 2023/24 Overview - BRF
- 7.3.8 FPC Budget Changes - BRF
- 7.3.9 Budget Numeric Detail
- 7.3.10 Surplus Funds Allocation
- 7.3.11 Business Case Summaries
- 7.3.12 Strategic Plan Projects - Budget Requests
- 7.3.13 LTC Projects - Budget Requests and Feasibility
- 7.3.14 Operational Projects and Staffing - Budget Requests
- 7.3.15 ITC Board Budget Request
- 7.3.16 Business Cases Not Advanced
- 7.3.17 Financial Plan Bylaw - RFD
- 7.3.18 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw - RFD

7.5 Delegation Requests

Executive Committee discussed factual versus opinion based presentation of information in requests received and inaccuracies contained in presentations.

By general consent, delegation requests, items 7.5.1 to 7.5.5 be forwarded to Trust Council as presented.

Delegation requests 7.5.6 and 7.5.7 were noted to have inaccuracies.

By general consent, Executive Committee requested that items 7.5.6 and 7.5.7 be returned to the delegation applicants for factual corrections and that staff facilitate this.

By general consent, each delegation will be given 10 minutes for each presentation.

7.6 Correspondence for Trust Council Consideration

By general consent, forward items 7.6.1 and 7.6.2 to Trust Council as presented.

7.6.1 Harlene Holm response to Freshwater Sustainability Report letter received February 14, 2023

7.6.2 Mielle Chandler letter to Trust Council dated February 14, 2023

7.7 Trust Council Priorities Chart

Forward as presented.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROJECTS - None

8.1 Trust Council Initiated - None

8.1.1 Executive - None

8.1.2 Trust Area Services - None

8.1.3 Local Planning Services - None

8.1.4 Administrative Services - None

8.2 Executive Committee Initiated

8.2.1 Executive - None

8.2.2 Trust Area Services

8.2.2.1 2022/23 Annual Report Format

By general consent, Executive Committee requested The Islands Trust Conservancy be moved toward the top of the table of contents in the ordering of the Annual Report.

8.2.2.2 Consultation – Changes to flight paths in Greater Vancouver Region and Southern Vancouver Island

Chair Luckham will reach out to regionally elected officials regarding the lack of consultation to the proposed flight path changes affecting islands in the Trust-Area.

8.2.3 Local Planning Services - None

8.2.4 Administrative Services – None

9. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will March 7th at 10:00 a.m. held at the Coast Bastion Hotel in Nanaimo.

9.1 Executive/Trust Council - None

9.2 Trust Area Services – None

9.2.1 LTC Chairs Report on Local Advocacy Topics

Vice-Chair Maude note the ongoing fallow deer issue on Mayne.

9.3 Local Planning Services - None

9.4 Administrative Services - None

9.5 UBCM Housing Forum Funding Trustees

EC-2023-023

It was Moved and Seconded,

That Executive Committee seek expressions of interest from trustees to attend the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Housing Forum and that staff make reservations for five attendees to be funded by the Trust Council training budget.

CARRIED

9.6 Minister/Provincial Funding

Item 9.6 was added after reviewing the Trust Council follow-up action list.

Trustee Elliott requested this item be added to the next agenda and that staff write a report seeking regarding seeking ministry funding.

By general consent, add item 9.6 to the March 22nd Executive Committee business meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE (for information unless raised for action) - None

11. WORK PROGRAM

11.1 Review and amendment of current work program

Received for information.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled to be held in-person at the Coast Bastion Hotel, Quadra Room, 11 Bastion Street, Nanaimo.

13. CLOSED MEETING

This item was addressed after item 2.2. at the beginning of in the agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct

Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator/Recorder

Follow Up Action Report

Executive Committee

Chief Administrative Officer

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
1 EC and staff do not pursue conversations with the Province around tree cutting until after the March 2023 meeting as directed by Trust Council resolution.	Russ Hotsenpiller	Meeting: 06-Dec-2022 Target: 09-Mar-2023	In Progress
2 That staff investigate Salt Spring Island and Gabriola Island as feasible locations for the June and September Trust Council meetings.	Russ Hotsenpiller	Meeting: 14-Dec-2022 Target: 22-Feb-2023	In Progress
3 That the remaining Trust Council orientation sessions be delivered online between now and March and that reconsideration be made for future training once orientation is concluded.	Russ Hotsenpiller	Meeting: 14-Dec-2022 Target: 07-Mar-2023	In Progress
4 Staff provide recommendations with respect to Executive Committee and council committee training sessions.	Russ Hotsenpiller	Meeting: 14-Dec-2022 Target: 22-Feb-2023	In Progress
5 Staff to poll trustees for participation in BC Coastal Maine Strategy Policy Forum using the dates provided. The consensus date is March 23rd.	Russ Hotsenpiller	Meeting: 13-Feb-2023 Target: 07-Mar-2023	Completed
6 Prioritize and provide report on requesting further provincial funding <u>see Trust Council CAO FUAL item 1, page 29/33 of March TC agenda.</u>	Russ Hotsenpiller	Meeting: 22-Feb-2023 Target: 22-Mar-2023	In Progress

Director Legislative Services

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
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Follow Up Action Report

Executive Committee

Director Legislative Services

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
1 Staff to draft amendments for replacement of those Trust Council policies deemed as top priority for updating, based on policy review analysis, for consideration of approval by Trust Council. As of March 2022, amendments to 11 out of 17 policies deemed out of date have been adopted.	David Marlor	Meeting: 03-Feb-2021 Target: 13-Jun-2023	In Progress
2 Staff review the Executive Committee sponsorship policy and report back recommendations on local trust committee approvals, communications, and funding mechanisms.	David Marlor	Meeting: 14-Apr-2021 Target: 13-Sep-2023	In Progress
3 Staff to respond to correspondence items 11.4 and 11.5. B. Lockett and J. Robertson.	David Marlor	Meeting: 13-Feb-2023 Target: 07-Mar-2023	Completed

Director of Planning Services

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
1 Return delegation submissions 7.5.6 and 7.5.7 to writers noting inaccuracies and request resubmission for presentation to Trust Council.	Stefan Cermak	Meeting: 22-Feb-2023 Target: 07-Mar-2023	Completed

Director, Administrative Services

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
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Follow Up Action Report

Executive Committee

Director, Administrative Services

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
1 Review Islands Trust Policy 6.5.2 as a whole and specifically make recommendations to amend the policy to ensure the policy is clear in regards to the process and decision making authority related to proposed 'overspends' for any particular budget item.	Julia Mobbs	Meeting: 21-Oct-2020 Target: 20-Sep-2023	In Progress

Director, Trust Area Services

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
1 Investigate options for local trust committees with respect to being notified of aquaculture and mariculture license changes including changes in species in its negotiation of protocol agreements with the province.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 30-Jan-2019 Target: 07-Mar-2023	In Progress
2 Legislative Monitoring Chart (bi-annually to Trust Council) Staff to produce the Legislative Monitoring briefing every 6 months with the next one being March 2023.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 23-Feb-2022 Target: 01-Mar-2023	Completed
3 Staff to work with trustees to organize two film screenings of the movie Dust n Bones and reconciliation discussions subject to support of affected local trust committees. (A grant in aid of 4,500 (from History and Heritage Grants in Aid program was provided in 2020 to host screenings on three islands but due to Covid-19 restrictions only one screening occurred.) EC previously indicated interest from Gabriola and Salt Spring Islands.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 26-Feb-2020 Target: 07-Mar-2023	In Progress



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Director, Trust Area Services

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
4 That Trust Council request that the Executive Committee support Bowen Island Municipality in its efforts to oppose recreational use of motorized vehicles on Mount Gardner Crown land, subject to consultation with First Nations.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 17-Jun-2020 Target: 07-Mar-2023	In Progress
5 1.The chair and staff to attend the OPP 2023 Ocean Protection Plan Forum and supply speaking notes and seek funding for attendance (DONE -funding application successful). 2.Write to the OPP Dialogue Forum asking for inclusion of anchorages and vessel traffic management on the agenda. DONE 3.Poll trustees to see if any trustees would be interested in attending the Winter 2023 Oceans Protection Plan Dialogue Forum, February 22-23, 2023. DONE Campbell and Lironi attending.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 14-Dec-2022 Target: 22-Feb-2023	Completed
6 Ask staff to investigate options for policies or policy updates for formal opportunities for First Nations presentations and engagement at Trust Council meetings.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 07-Oct-2021 Target: 06-Sep-2023	In Progress
7 Staff to develop policy regarding s. 8 (2) (h.1) (iii) and (iv) of the Islands Trust Act.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 12-Apr-2022 Target: 20-Sep-2023	In Progress
8 Continue to work with K'ómoks First Nation and Gabriola Historical Society in terms of its funding request and Executive Committee consider ways to allocate funds for such requests.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 04-May-2022 Target: 20-Sep-2023	In Progress

Follow Up Action Report

Executive Committee

Director, Trust Area Services

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
9 Initiate rekindling of the San Juan County/Islands Trust relationship, work with Chair for June.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 11-Jan-2023 Target: 27-Jun-2023	In Progress
10 Staff advance the question of responding to delegates with thank you letters, for June Trust Council, and that staff prepare a briefing on practices in other local governments.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 11-Jan-2023 Target: 27-Jun-2023	In Progress
11 Executive Committee recommend further analysis and implications regarding Policy Statement Amendment Project Charter v6, as presented in the February 7th request for decision, be provided in terms of the relevant benefits of option 1 and option 2.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 13-Feb-2023 Target: 07-Mar-2023	Completed
12 Executive Committee request staff to cooperate with Snaw-Naw-As First Nation to develop a protocol agreement for Trust Council's consideration.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 13-Feb-2023 Target: 27-Jun-2023	In Progress
13 Forward Trust Council Meeting Preparations as presented or amended to the Trust Council agenda package.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 22-Feb-2023 Target: 22-Mar-2023	Completed
14 Hold 5 spots to get the registration for the UBCM Housing Forum and poll trustees for interest.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 22-Feb-2023 Target: 07-Mar-2023	In Progress
15 Amend Option 2 - Draft Revised Policy Statement Project Charter v6 as discussed and forward to Trust Council for decision.	Clare Frater	Meeting: 22-Feb-2023 Target: 07-Mar-2023	Completed

From: Marjorie Gang <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 4:07 AM
To: Executive Admin <execadmin@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Cc: Trustees <Trustees@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Subject: in camera meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs

On Dec. 14, 2022 The Executive Committee (EC) met with representatives of the new Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Hon. Anne Kang, allegedly, **"to provide the Minister with an opportunity to learn about the Islands Trust, meet the Executive Committee and Islands Trust (IT) staff, and understand the priorities of the newly elected Trust Council."**

The new IT took office in November 2022, so hadn't had discussions about priorities by the time of this meeting.

The MMA stated in the attached letter that **there was no reason for this meeting to be closed to the public**, but it was.

The date of the meeting was announced at a Nov. 23 EC meeting, and the EC members were told that there would be speaking notes prepared by Director Frater. The speaking notes focused on asking for more funding for the previous year's IT projects and didn't become accessible to the public until a day before the meeting.

From the agenda "Staff hopes that this will be an opportunity for the EC to make requests of the Minister, in the areas of Governance, the budget, housing, and Reconciliation. Staff will be preparing speaking notes for the EC members on these topics."

Members of the public were interested in the content of the meeting, as the "speaking notes" that Islands Trust's Staff prepared for the Executive Committee could have significant consequences for IT area residents and taxpayers. But the meeting was effectively closed, not accessible to the public.

From the B.C. Government website, "Meetings" page:

"Local government open meeting rules"

"Public accessibility to the decision-making process of elected officials is central to the principles of accountable government."

"The open meetings provisions of the *Community Charter* apply to municipal councils (including the City of Vancouver), regional district boards, bodies of the Islands Trust and Metro Vancouver's greater boards."

"All meetings of local government elected and appointed bodies (such as committees, commissions and other subsidiary bodies) must be open to the public as a general rule. This requirement is intended to be applied broadly, in keeping with the principle of openness, transparency and accountability."

"Court decisions have been made about the types of gatherings considered to constitute a meeting. In general, gatherings where elected members could be seen to be making decisions, or moving towards making decisions, could constitute a meeting. All such gatherings must be held in accordance with the *Community Charter's* open meeting provisions."

- [Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3 - Open Meetings](#) The best practices guide for open meetings by the Office of the Ombudsperson also sets out definitions for local government meetings.”

This makes it hard to understand why the meeting between the MMA and the Executive Committee was closed to the public.

And the response from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs:



February 16, 2023

Ref: 271859

Marjorie Gang

[REDACTED]
Denman Island, BC

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Marjorie Gang:

Thank you for your most recent email of January 13, 2023, to the Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the Minister's meeting with the Islands Trust Executive Committee on December 14, 2022. As Director, Governance Services, I am pleased to respond on behalf of Minister Kang.

I understand from your email that you are concerned about open meeting rules and public access to the December 14th meeting between the Island Trust Executive Committee and the Minister.

As you noted in your email, the open meeting rules in the *Community Charter* (Charter) apply to regular and committee meetings of the Islands Trust committees, including the Executive Committee. For clarification, it is my understanding that the December 14th meeting with the Minister was not a regular or committee meeting of the Islands Trust Executive Committee, and as such the meeting did not need to be formally closed under the Charter rules. Regular or special meetings of the Trust Council or Islands Trust Executive Committee would typically involve discussions that may lead to decisions or move toward decision-making.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide the Minister with an opportunity to learn about the Islands Trust, meet the Executive Committee and Islands Trust staff, and understand the priorities of the newly elected Trust Council. As you are likely aware the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has responsibility for the *Islands Trust Act*; therefore, it is important for the Minister to have the opportunity to hear from the Executive Committee about the goals for its term.

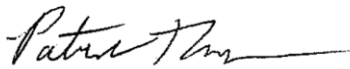
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There may be occasions when local government bodies, such as the Islands Trust, have meetings where the public are not in attendance – typically to focus on strategic planning or to receive or share information that is not core to their day-to-day operations. It is not uncommon for Ministers to have meetings with newly elected officials to discuss their roles and responsibilities, the role of the province, and to hear about key issues.

If you are interested in gaining further insights on the December 14th meeting between the Islands Trust Executive Committee and the Minister, I encourage you to reach out to the Islands Trust staff directly. The Chief Administrative Officer of the Islands Trust, Russ Hotsenpiller, may be contacted by telephone at: 250 405-5160 or by email at: rhotsenpiller@islandstrust.bc.ca.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Thompson
Director, Governance Services

I hope that recordings and/or minutes of future meetings between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and any Trust Council representatives will be accessible to the public.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Gang


Denman Island



Xwe-etay/Lasqueti Archaeology Project Report to Trust Council March 2023

Community-Engaged Archaeology as a Pathway to Reconciliation was published by Conversations, The Tyee, and other publications. Read it at

<https://thetyee.ca/Analysis/2023/01/03/Community-Engaged-Archaeology-Pathway-Reconciliation/>

The project is beginning research to document changes to Lasqueti landscapes, especially to streams and wetlands, and changes to archaeological heritage, using photos, journals, archives and 1930s and recent air photographs.

We are engaged in discussions with landowners about the value of archaeological investigations of sites located on private property. While there is strong support from many landowners, there is reticence, reluctance and refusal from others. Some are eager to know as much about the site(s) on their property as they can learn, and welcome us to explore the site. Sites are invariably considerably larger than recorded, and there are many more sites than have been recorded. Much of the Lasqueti landscape, and a good deal of the foreshore, was pretty fully occupied and used, by thousands of people and/or for thousands of years.

We have begun to systematically record belongings/artifacts from Lasqueti that are in private collections, and as far as possible document where they were found. We are attempting to trace as many objects and collections as we are able to learn about from past settlers. These have lost their situation, but they give a good overview of the variety of belongings that were used.

This spring and summer we will have a full field season documenting sites on public lands and on the privately owned lands to which we are invited. One of our graduate students will be interviewing community members and landowners with archaeological sites, inquiring their thinking about why they have or have not invited the project to examine, map and take small samples from sites on their property.

Many Lasqueti people have been excited to learn about and from the archaeology. Many have been excited to begin to have opportunities to meet people from nearby communities who are living descendants of the Indigenous Peoples who lived on Xwe'etay/Lasqueti. We have planned several more community events on the island that will bring First Nations and the settler community together to celebrate the Indigenous archaeological heritage of Xwe'etay.

For further information on the Xwe'etay/Lasqueti Archaeology Project, see <https://www.lasquetiarc.ca/>



Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society

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February 17, 2023

Peter Luckham, Chair, Islands Trust Council
and All Members of Islands Trust Council

The SSI Water Preservation Society is a volunteer charitable organization that has been working since 1986 to protect drinking water resources on Salt Spring Island.

We write today to urge you to retain the special tax requisition for the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance, because presently there is no better alternative to coordinate the multiple agencies that must deal with freshwater issues on our island.

Please recall that tensions grounded in fresh water availability sparked formation of SSIWPA. Former Trustee George Grams championed a cooperative approach to address water shortages that occur toward the end of summer and fall drought periods. This underlying issue of how to properly deal with water shortages remains, and requires acquisition and sharing of knowledge, as well as problem-solving skills.

There are many entities with responsibilities related to the management, sustainability and protection of freshwater resources on Salt Spring. In addition to the Local Trust Committee and staff, these include the Capital Regional District, Waterworks Districts, Improvement Districts, Water Service Area Commissions, various Provincial Agencies, Health authorities, First Nations, and other stakeholders from the community.

We believe there is great value in having a forum for these agencies and stakeholders to share perspectives, agree and align on priorities and exchange technical information. By promoting communication and co-operation between these groups, SSIWPA facilitates opportunities to pool resources, integrate policy development and carry out effective planning. The whole thus becomes much greater than the sum of the parts. This is critical on our island, with its development pressures and areas of limited water supply. The Alliance also provides valuable outreach and educational materials for islanders regarding water catchment, conservation and regulations.

The fiscal requirements for maintaining SSIWPA are relatively low, particularly in light of its careful use of resources and resulting surplus from last year. Certainly residents can afford to fund a part-time staff member and small budget for meetings, as well as development and distribution of educational materials. It's highly probable that the co-ordination provided by SSIWPA, by helping move things forward, creates unseen efficiencies and consequently saves taxpayer dollars within the various agencies.

Protection of our watersheds and drinking water is of prime importance for a healthy community. Until and unless a better solution for collaboration is in place, please ensure SSIWPA can continue to support the sustainability of our island's vital water resources.

Sincerely,
Jean Wilkinson, President
SSI Water Preservation Society

From: David Rapport <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: My Letter to Salt Spring LTC -- to be Circulated to the Trust Council prior to their decision on Funding for SSWIPA

Peter, I have yet to receive confirmation that my above note of February 4, 2023, has been circulated to the full Trust Council. Could you kindly confirm that this has been done?

Further to that, kindly also circulate my note below as an addendum:

UPDATE: February 21, 2023

As called for in the Driftwood Editorial of February 15th, 2023, it's more than high time to let go of the unjustified and outrageous expense that SSI taxpayers have sustained since 2014 for SSIWPA "coordination" activities. In my Driftwood Viewpoint of February 08, 2023, I argued that due diligence about SSIWPA on the part of our LTC calls for feedback on the question of "value for money" from the agencies that SSWIPA was designed to serve. To my knowledge, no such agency has come out publicly as yet to voice its support of SSIWPA. You would expect that, if there were widespread support from such agencies, there would have been public expressions of that support by now.

Much as water issues are of increasing concern on Salt Spring, in my professional view SSWIPA has failed to deliver anything of value to its clients (LTC, CRD, and the island's water districts) or to the public to justify the expenditure of the better part of \$1 million in taxpayers monies since 2014—the bulk of which, as far as one can tell, went to a "coordinator" who appears to possess no professional credentials or expertise regarding water issues.

Again, in my professional view (with recognized national- and international-level expertise in freshwater issues), there is no justification for continuing to feed this boondoggle with further taxpayer monies.

As the editorial in last week's Driftwood pointed out, the funds left over from 2022 in SSWIPA's account should be more than enough to wrap up the agency's activities, with no further Special Requisition.

Will it take a formal complaint to the Auditor General of British Columbia to investigate the expenditures of public funds by Trust Council on SSWIPA activities, in the face of years of SSI taxpayers' widespread criticism of the competence and value of the services provided by this entity?

Kindly provide assurances that my letter to Trust Council of February 4, 2023 (attached above for your convenience) has been (or will be) forwarded to all members of Trust Council, prior to their consideration of this budgetary item. As well, kindly distribute the present note with my updated comments, as relevant to their consideration of the request for further expenditure of taxpayer monies for SSIWPA operations in 2023-2024.

Thank you,

David J. Rapport, BBA (Finance), PhD (economics), Post-doctoral Fellow (Ecology)
Principal, EcoHealth Consulting. [REDACTED]

Former Research Associate, University of Michigan, School of Business

Former Investment Advisor to The Northern Trust Company, Chicago.

[Northern Trust is a **preeminent global financial institution** that provides asset servicing, investment management and wealth management services for institutions, high-net-worth individuals, and families.]

Former: Senior Scientist and Science Advisor to Statistics Canada. Also former

Canadian Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD);

Environment Committee Canadian Delegate to the Group of Experts on Water Quality, Economic

Commission for Europe, Geneva; Consultant to UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)

and author of a background document under contract to WWAP

Delegation Presentation to Islands Trust Council Meeting September 2022

Revised February 2023

Jennifer Margison, Galiano Island

How Many Straws Can You Stick in a Milkshake Before No One Gets a Sip?
Trucking of Freshwater to the Gulf Islands

As the summer of 2022 drew to a close, I made a delegation presentation to the September 2022 Trust Council Meeting regarding trucked water on the Gulf Islands. Following the municipal election, we now have a new Trust Council and I thought it would be worthwhile to submit this updated report to the Trust Council again.

Let's talk about water. Potable water specifically. There was much coverage of water again in the news this past summer. The drought in Europe was the worst in 500 years, affecting two-thirds of the continent. Nearly all of Europe's rivers dried up to some extent, affecting tourism, shipping and the energy sector where hydroelectric power dropped by a significant 20%. Nuclear plants were being shut down as the water was too hot to cool the reactors. Other effects were felt including wildfires crop failures, deaths from extreme heat and flooding where for example, one third of Pakistan was under water.

What about here at home in the southern coastal region? How can we determine and measure how the changing climate is affecting the islands in the Trust Area? I had a look at historical drought information available on the BC Drought Information Portal. This portal provides a snapshot of the BC drought situation going back to 2015.

Early and/or prolonged drought is a theme in our area, with record-breaking temperatures, reduced snow packs and drought ratings of 4 and 5, with 5 being the most extreme. This likely will continue to be our climate reality. An appendix is attached to this presentation with more detailed descriptions and the link to the drought portal.

Having read the report on Gabriola trucked water provided to you in June 2022 by Gabriola resident, Alix Hodson-Deggan, obtained through a Freedom of Information (F.O.I.) request to the City of Nanaimo, supplier of most of the trucked water and seeing water trucks on my own island, Galiano, I decided to see if more information could be compiled about the Trust Area's current dependence on trucked water.

Why is this important?

Because both the 2003 Trust Policy Statement and the draft 2021 revised Trust Policy Statement include policies that state that **islands in the Trust Area are to be self-sufficient in their supply of freshwater**. If self-sufficiency of water is a Trust policy, then perhaps islands' reliance on imported water should be understood and monitored.

Let's look at what is happening on the ground - or on the road as it were. This preliminary information on trucked water was obtained by island residents asking water hauling companies and regional districts for information. This report does not include trucked deliveries of bottled water, a further source of imported water used by people whose wells do not provide good drinking water or who have experienced salt water intrusion in their wells and are continuing to use them for other purposes (often referring to them as providing "brackish" water) in spite of a requirement to cap a well if this occurs.

More investigation on this is needed including a more detailed breakdown of trucked water reliance by residential and by commercial customers, for example resorts. Also, it would be instructive to know more about why trucked water is needed by a customer. Is it due to sudden well failure or predictable low levels or dry wells during the dry season? Is it as a result of salt water intrusion or well interference from use of a neighbouring well? Is it a dry season or an all-year requirement?

Starting with the southernmost island of what is called the North Islands, it was found that Gabriola, in 2021, trucked in at least 9 million liters during the dry season, roughly May to October from two water hauling companies, Island Water and Summer Rain but there were also probable deliveries from one other company. One company, Island Water began delivering twice a day in June 2021 and this continued for three full months.

As a 2022 update, the results of a second F.O.I. request to the City of Nanaimo by Alix Hodson-Deggan, filed in October 2022, revealed that Island Water had delivered 30,283 liters per day to Gabriola. Over a 6 month dry season (May - October), this would total almost 5 1/2 million liters from one company. She is attempting to get 2022 figures from Summer Rain. In 2021, Summer Rain also delivered over 5 million liters during the dry season. Island Water said that people on Gabriola are already ordering water as there has not been enough rain in the current wet season.

Island Water mentioned that the Haven Retreat Centre on Gabriola receives daily deliveries of 18,184 liters from May to October. That alone is a staggering 3,273,120 liters in 6 months. That complex, built in 1983 apparently had a desalination plant at some point. I don't know if they ever relied on island groundwater. Another Gabriola resort, Surf Lodge apparently also received large amounts of water throughout the dry period. There may be other resorts also relying on trucked water. It is interesting to note this level of dependence on imported water by tourism businesses. They would no doubt build the cost of trucked water into their accommodation rates, whereas trucked water represents a significant cost to individual property owners that may not be affordable for many and could thereby threaten their housing.

In the Southern Gulf Islands, another company, South Island Water provides much, though not all of the trucked water. They told me that Pender is the biggest customer with two trucks every week last summer. Over a six-month dry season (May-Oct) in 2021, two trucks would have delivered 676,416 liters. It was mentioned that last summer one resort on Pender had a delivery every week.

According to this company, Galiano was second in the amount of imported water in 2021 with one truck a week last summer, so over the same six-month period, that would have been 338,208 liters.

Mayne received deliveries about 3 times in the dry season and Saturna even less.

I was told that 50% of the calls last year were from residents who had either never had to order water before or only required it late in the summer. Of 10 calls for water, typically 7 would be for cisterns providing water for drinking and household use, 2 for swimming pools and 1 for construction sites for machinery or dust control.

An important question is how sustainable is a reliance on the water delivery services on the Gulf Islands. The City of Nanaimo confirmed that during a drought period, water supply to the islands

could be rationed or suspended. One of the companies hauling water to Gabriola mentioned that with transportation costs and long wait times due to ferry overloads, the service they are providing is becoming untenable.

One company owner told me that the previous owners of the company were considering stopping delivery to the SGI due to a poor expense/revenue ratio. He says he is committed to continuing but that it is only a break-even situation for him due to time and ferry costs. His cost per delivery is a flat \$1250 but he says other companies from the mainland will charge \$1550 a delivery and levy additional charges for the ferry costs and time. His water all comes from the CRD filling station in Langford. The analogy "You can only put so many straws in a milkshake before no one gets a sip" is his. Another company said their profit margin on deliveries to the Gulf Islands is marginal due to ferry and time costs. Last year, they were restricted by the Regional District in the amount of water they could buy.

One company owner mentioned the impact of blasting for development on nearby wells, resulting in good wells suddenly having no water. I asked him for his thoughts on rainwater catchment for potable water and he stated that you need to be very dedicated to do this - cleaning roofs and eaves and equipment and it takes a lot of time and is expensive.

It would appear according to this very preliminary look at water delivery to the islands, that contrary to the Trust Policy, many are not self-sufficient in their supply of freshwater and at least one island, Gabriola appears to be heavily dependent. It also appears that drought conditions according to all the science, will continue to worsen with climate change.

Water restrictions on the Sunshine Coast, in place since May 2022 were just lifted at the beginning of February. A state of emergency was declared in October 2022 as the reservoir, Chapman Lake - which serves 90% of residents in this populated and growing area - was at risk of "imminent exhaustion as southern BC recorded an unseasonably dry summer and fall. The state of emergency resulted significant restrictions on water use including in the closure of certain businesses in order to ensure adequate levels of drinking water and was only lifted in November.

With a trend to a longer and warmer dry season, plus escalating development and increased populations, both part-time and full-time (see Appendix 2 - 2021 Census Population Growth), as well as increasing levels of tourism on the islands, reliance on trucked water is a trend that the Trust should be watching carefully. It is challenging as private citizens to get complete and accurate information for all islands. The Trust as an official entity should be collecting this information.

I believe this is a critical piece of information needed to make responsible land use decisions - to assess the health of our islands' water resources and changes in groundwater, or surface water supplies as development increases along with the impact of climate change. As of the writing of this report, many of the seasonal streams on Galiano are dry. Considerations of restrictions or even moratoriums on new growth for islands importing significant amounts of water may well be necessary - sooner rather than later. I hope that new and returning Trustees will give ecosystem health of the Trust Area the attention that was intended when the Islands Trust was created, before it is too late.

Appendix 1 - **Information from BC Drought Information Portal, BC Government**

Look for Historical BC Drought Information on the pull-down menu at the top right of this page. As yet, there is no summary information here for 2022; however there is a chart "2022 Drought Levels at a Glance".

Portal for maps and tables:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=838d533d8062411c820eef50b08f7ebc>

Drought levels are defined as: 3 - Adverse Impacts Possible, 4 - Adverse Impacts likely, 5 - Adverse Impacts Almost Certain

2015

2015 was the most significant drought in recent memory. The drought season started early with lower than normal snowpacks, which rapidly melted off early in the spring due to an early heat wave. Drought levels ramped up quickly due to hot dry conditions and much of the southern half of the province experienced severe drought, peaking in late August until rain eased the situation at the end of August. A drought rating of 3 on May 28 went to 4 on July 3 until August 20 when it went back down to 3 til sept. 17.

2016

2016 was an average year for most parts of the province. Vancouver Island was the most impacted but returned to normal conditions in mid-September. A drought rating of 3 on May 27 went to 4 on June 28, then back to 3 on July 14.

2017

In 2017, significant spring flooding delayed the start of the drought season in 2017. However, due to the almost total absence of rain in southern British Columbia from the beginning of June to the end of October, the 2017 season was one of the driest in recent memory with the peak of drought with a 4 rating occurring in October. Due to the late onset of dry conditions, impacts were less severe than in previous drought years.

2018

In 2018, due to relatively normal to high snow packs in the spring, early forecasts did not flag a drought risk for 2018. However, a heat wave in late spring rapidly depleted snow packs and caused freshet flooding earlier than normal. That, and the lack of precipitation from July to November, created extensive dry conditions across much of the province, sparing only the East Peace. 2018 was unusual in that the entire coast, including the northwest (an area that doesn't normally experience drought), were the most impacted by drought. In addition, dry conditions prevailed late into the fall, with many of the northern regions remaining at Level 2 and 3 well into November. July 26 had a 3 rating going up to 4 on Aug. 14 until Sept. 20.

2019

There were lower than normal snow pack across much of the province and a very dry warm May. A dry June had record-breaking temperatures. In August, pockets of drought persisted across Okanagan and SE Vancouver Island. Record low flows in the Koksilah river near Duncan falling below the established Critical Environmental Flow Threshold.

2020

2020 began with dry, cool conditions in March and April across much of the province. This helped to moderate snowpack levels somewhat, after a very snowy January and February. Very wet weather dominated the province in late May and most of June. By mid- August, most of southern B.C. started to experience extended summer dry spells. This led to pockets of dry to very dry conditions emerging on Vancouver Island, the southern Okanagan, and the Kootenays. Local drought conditions intensified into mid-September.

2021

In 2021, May and June had dry and warm conditions. At the end of June, the Heat Dome caused all-time maximum temperatures to be shattered, and the melting of the remaining snow pack and glaciers created high flows for high elevation watersheds. Drought conditions continued to deteriorate following the Heat Dome for Vancouver Island, south coast, and southern interior, including the Thompson/Okanagan, Kootenays and Cariboo with many watersheds experiencing very dry conditions by mid-July. The drought intensified into August and September with several streams falling below the Critical Environmental Flow Threshold for several weeks for the Vancouver Island, south coast and southern interior areas. Heavy rainfall returned to the province by mid-September, with several atmospheric rivers affecting the province in the month. Drought conditions began to improve by October as creeks responded to the rainfall accordingly.

2022

The chart "2022 Drought Levels at a Glance" shows for East Vancouver Island, the region that would best encompass the Trust Area:

Drought Levels

2 - Beginning of August 2022

3 - Aug. 25 - Sept. 22

4 - Sept. 22 - Oct. 12

5 - Oct. 13 - Nov. 2

3 - Nov. 3 -23

4 - Nov. 24 -30

3 - Dec. 1

Excerpt from BC Government Bulletin Drought, waterscarcity conditions affect BC - Sept. 29, 2022

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022FOR0069-001459>

"Drought and water scarcity continues to affect the west coast, south coast and northeastern areas of B.C. that have experienced little to no rainfall over the past five weeks with continued dry weather in the forecast.

Areas under Drought Level 4 include the Fort Nelson basin, the Sunshine Coast basin, Lower Mainland basin, and the east and west Vancouver Island basins. At Drought Level 4, conditions are extremely dry and adverse effects to socio-economic or ecosystem values are likely."

Appendix 2 - 2021 Census Population Growth in the Trust Area

Islands	% Pop Increase Since 2016 Census
Gambier	74.1%
Mayne	37.4%
Galiano	33.7%
Saturna	31.4%
South Pender	30.2%
Lasqueti	24.8%
Thetis	22.4%
Hornby	20.6%
Denman	19.4%
North Pender	19.4%
Bowen	15.7%
Gabriola	11.6%
Salt Spring	7.9%