

Galiano Island Local Trust Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: September 12, 2023
Location: Galiano South Community Hall
141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, BC

Members Present: Timothy Peterson, Chair
Ben Mabberley, Local Trustee
Lisa Gauvreau, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Kim Stockdill, Island Planner
Warren Dingman, Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Manager, by Zoom
Carly Bilney, Recorder

Others Present: Ken Thomas, Penelakut Tribe Council Member

Approximately fifteen (15) members of the public were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Gauvreau made the following comments in her report:

- Recent workshops led by the Indigenous Perspectives Society focused on building relationships and what was learned will be shared on social media
- Emergency preparedness is now more important than ever as British Columbia experiences its worst forest fire season
- It is time to double efforts to prepare for the next fire season
- Trustee Gauvreau attended her first meeting with the Islands Trust Conservancy in July and Risa Smith was elected Chair

Trustee Mabberley made the following comments in his report:

- Trustee Mabberley spent the summer on the water and saw a good return of salmon this year

- A recent meeting of the Southern Gulf Islands Forum included discussion on removing bureaucracy related to building codes, considering alternate forms of housing, and topics related to the protection of waterways such as forming a First Nations-led Gulf Islands Port Authority

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Peterson made the following comments in his report:

- At a recent meeting of the Trust Programs Committee, discussion included fresh water and wildfire preparedness and prevention as potential topics for the next Speakers Series; a call for potential topics has been put out to the public
- Liveaboards have proliferated in Ganges where a local community group is seeking to make changes
- The Executive Committee will soon meet to prepare for the Trust Council meeting scheduled for late September
- The Governance Committee recently met and will bring recommendations to Trust Council regarding next steps in long-term strategic and financial corporate planning

5. ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT – none

6. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

Town hall was held and the following comments were made:

- The Local Trust Committee (LTC) sought legal advice regarding a land donation to Penelakut Tribe that says the First Nation needs a legally recognized entity in order to receive the land
- Penelakut Councillor Ken Thomas commented on the formation of a Land Committee that Penelakut Tribe is in the final stages of completing
- Support was expressed for GL-DVP-2022.4 (Carrick) on Wise Island

7. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING – None

8. PUBLIC HEARING – None

9. MINUTES

9.1 Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Minutes Dated July 11, 2023

The following amendments to the minutes were presented for consideration:

On page 5 of the agenda package, (page 3 of the July 11, 2023 minutes), the third bullet point under Item 11 – Delegations says: "Reconciliation is essential and needs to be advanced however reconciliation applies to provincial and federal jurisdiction and local governments do not have an obligation to engage with First Nations" - The word "engage" should be changed to "consult."

By general consent the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee meeting minutes of July 11, 2023 were adopted as amended.

9.2 Section 26 Resolutions Without Meeting Report – None

9.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes

Island Planner Stockdill noted that the minutes of the latest Advisory Planning Commission (APC) meeting would be included in the October LTC meeting package and a second APC meeting will be taking place soon.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

10.1 Follow-up Action List Dated Sept 2023

Island Planner Stockdill provided updates on the Follow-up Action List. She noted the Executive Committee has approved legal counsel regarding an exemption for groundwater Development Permit Areas, and a summary will be disseminated via the Islands Trust subscriber list.

New Business Item 17.3 – Meeting with Penelakut was added to the agenda.

By general consent, the agenda was approved as amended.

11. DELEGATIONS – none

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received concerning current applications or projects is posted to the LTC webpage

12.1 Jennifer Margison re Galiano and Tofino's Water Crisis

Received for information.

13. MEETING BREAK – COMMUNITY UPDATE

14. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

14.1 GL-DVP-2022.4 (Carrick) - Staff Report

Island Planner Stockdill reviewed the Staff Report regarding GL-DVP-2022.4. Discussion followed and the following comments were made:

- The Environmental Assessment Report is robust and thorough
- Property owners should consider removing the outhouse
- Wise Island residents have done a good job maintaining an intact forest in the middle of the island
- Recommendations related to Wise Island from the APC will likely be received at the November LTC meeting

GL-2023-52

It was Moved and Seconded,

1. that Galiano Island Local Trust Committee amend GL-DVP-2022.4 by:
 - a. Deleting Section 2(c)vi.
2. that Galiano Island Local Trust Committee approve issuance of Development Variance Permit application GL-DVP-2022.4 (Carrick) as amended.

CARRIED

15. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

16. REPORTS

16.1 Work Program Reports

16.1.1 Active Projects Report Dated Sept 2023

Received for information.

16.1.2 Future Projects Report Dated Sept 2023

Received for information.

16.2 Applications Report Dated Sept 2023

Received for information.

16.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report Dated July 2023

Received for information.

16.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

16.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage

16.6 Islands Trust Conservancy Report – None

17. NEW BUSINESS

17.1 Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 289 - Bylaw Enforcement Notification Amendment – Consideration for Adoption – Staff Report

Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Manager Dingman reviewed the Staff Report regarding Bylaw No. 289. Trustee Mabberley commented on his opposition to the proposed bylaw and his support for a review of bylaw enforcement.

GL-2023-53

It was Moved and Seconded,

that Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 289, cited as “Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw Enforcement Notification Bylaw No. 228, 2011, Amendment No. 1, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED

Trustee Mabberley Opposed

17.2 Census Infographics – Briefing

Discussion was held on the information contained within the Census briefing.

17.3 Meeting with the Penelakut

Discussion was held and the following comments were made:

- Island Planner Stockdill and Councillor Thomas would determine suitable dates to schedule a meeting
- Penelakut Tribe is in the midst of finalizing a new committee and related information can be sent to Island Planner Stockdill so the LTC and the new Penelakut committee can meet

18. UPCOMING MEETINGS

18.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for October 10, 2023 at the Galiano South Community Hall, Galiano Island

19. TOWN HALL

Town hall was held and no comments were made.

20. CLOSED MEETING – None

21. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Tim Peterson, Chair

Certified Correct:

Carly Bilney, Recorder