



## Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Date:** June 18, 2015  
**Location:** Keats Camp - Pilot House  
Keats Camp, Keats Island, BC

**Members Present** Susan Morrison, Chair  
Dan Rogers, Local Trustee  
Kate-Louise Stamford, Local Trustee

**Staff Present** Aleksandra Brzozowski, Island Planner & A/Regional Planning Manager  
Jessie Sherk, Recorder

**Others Present** Trystan Willmott, Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP)  
from Madrone Environmental Services, Ltd.  
Three members of the public – p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in the traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. Chair Morrison thanked the public for attending and introduced trustees, staff and the recorder.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- 9.3 Floating accommodation enquiry – for discussion
- Reorder the agenda so Item 10 will follow Item 8.

**By general consent** the agenda was approved as amended.

**3. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS**

None.

**4. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING**

None.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**6. MINUTES**

**6.1. Local Trust Committee Meeting Dated May 7, 2015 for adoption**

- 11.1.1 – Change the end of the second paragraph to read: "... the desirable course and they also reviewed options for community consultation."
- 13.7 – add the word "the" before "events" in the first sentence.

**By general consent** the minutes were adopted as amended.

**6.2. Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting**

None.

**6.3. Advisory Planning Commission Minutes**

None.

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**7.1. Follow-up Action List Dated June 9, 2015**

The Follow-up Action list was reviewed and discussed.

**7.2. Annual Meeting with Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD)**

Discussion took place. It was noted that the meeting is planned for July 6, 2015 at 1:30 pm.

**8. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**10. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS**

**10.1. GM-RZ-2013.2 Sea Ranch - Covenants for Signature**

10.1.1. Memorandum dated June 5, 2015

The memorandum was reviewed. Trustee Stamford confirmed that decisions about bylaw amendments had already been made and that the work that is left is administrative. Acting Regional Planning Manager (ARPM) Brzozowski clarified where the process is at currently. Discussion ensued. The definition of "pedestrian trail" was also discussed.

**GM-2015-026**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee agrees that whatever the standard of pedestrian trail that the SCRD deems acceptable is acceptable with the Local Trust Committee for the Sea Ranch SROW Covenant.

**CARRIED**

**GM-2015-027**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee authorize the Chair to execute the Statutory Right-of-Way Covenant and Co-Tenancy agreement for the 3.8 hectare public park on the Sea Ranch property on Gambier Island.

**CARRIED**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**9.1. Trust Council Chair correspondence regarding Public Consultation on Upcoming BURSCO Environmental Assessment**

Trustee Rogers stated that it was an excellent letter that synthesized a lot of his views. He commended the Executive and the drafters of the letter.

**9.2. Letter dated May 29, 2015 from Jack Crompton, Chair of Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board of Directors regarding Cumulative Effect Assessment for Howe Sound**

Received.

**9.3 Email from Andre Duchene regarding the possibility of a floating event space to be moored near Gambier Island.**

Received for information. Discussion ensued. It was noted that staff had also been contacted about this and will be handling it as a standard enquiry.

**11. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS**

**11.1. Riparian Areas Regulation Implementation**

**11.1.1. Staff Report dated May 26, 2015**

Trystan Willmott, Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) gave his presentation. He summarized the findings of his report as follows:

Stream Mapping Methodology

- background research: checking database for documented drainage networks/fish distribution in the focus watersheds
- land-owner contact: based on expected drainage network
- stream mapping: walking applicable streams from tidewater, or tributaries from confluence with main stem - accuracy between 1 and 5 metres

Definition of “stream” under the Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR)

- potential fish habitat
- connectivity to fish habitat
- does not have to have fish in it

When is a watercourse not a stream under the RAR?

- when it does not represent potential fish habitat or drain into a watercourse that represents potential fish habitat
- isolated wetlands that do not support fish/or connect to a fish bearing stream
- roadside ditches that are not connected
- where a stream has an obvious gradient barrier at tidewater, with no potential habitat for anadromous fish and no perennial habitat above the barrier for resident fish
- non fish watercourses still provide important habitat for other aquatic organisms and also provide: food, water and migration corridors for birds and wildlife

Fieldwork

- stream centre lines mapped during early March 2015
- fieldwork focused on stream mapping but general fish habitat attributes were also collected: channel morphology, extent of riparian vegetation, cover/security attributes and spawning gravel
- if no barrier existed in tidewater, potential seasonal use by anadromous fish could occur

RAR Applicable watersheds on Keats Island:

- Plumper Cove
- Camp Barnabas

RAR Applicable watersheds on Anvil Island:

- Champside Creek

RAR Applicable watersheds on Bowyer Island:

- Orchid Creek

QEP Willmott remarked that the majority of assessed watersheds were not applicable to RAR based on size of the islands and associated lack of spatial area covered by the watersheds.

His presentation concluded and discussion ensued amongst staff and trustees. The results for Gambier Island were also discussed. ARPM

## ADOPTED

Brzozowski then summarized her staff report. Trustees and staff thoroughly discussed the Riparian Areas Regulation and each option presented in the staff report was reviewed and discussed.

### **GM-2015-028**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request that staff proceed with Option A for Keats, Bowyer and Anvil Islands and work on a communications plan for the specific land owners affected and to the general population.

**CARRIED**

### **GM-2015-029**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to proceed with Option B as a proposal to implement RAR on Gambier Island and work on a communications plan for specific land owners affected and to the general population.

**CARRIED**

### **GM-2015-030**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee staff be directed to prepare communications materials to solicit feedback from the public about the mapping and next steps for Keats, Bowyer, Anvil and Gambier Islands prior to First Reading.

**CARRIED**

### **GM-2015-031**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee endorse the draft Project Charter for the Riparian Areas Regulation Implementation as presented.

**CARRIED**

Chair Morrison recessed the meeting at 12:50 pm for a Break, and reconvened at 1:15 pm.

### **11.3. Implementation for Official Community Plan Policies for Howe Sound**

Discussion ensued.

### **GM-2015-032**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request that the Executive write to the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) and the Ministry of Environment to put the Woodfibre LNG Environmental Assessment (EA) process in abeyance and reopen the public participation process once all relevant reports are made public.

**CARRIED**

**11.2. Gambier Official Community Plan Review**

11.2.1. Staff Report dated May 8, 2015

ARPM Brzozowski summarized the staff report. It was noted that the report had been revised to reflect the staffing changes. The staff report was discussed at length.

Staff and trustees reviewed and discussed the Gambier OCP Review – Engagement Phase Project Charter and the Gambier OCP Review Bylaw Amendment Phase Project Charter.

The following changes to the Engagement Phase Project Charter were suggested: In the Workplan review, change the following dates under Deliverable/Milestone items

- “Early consultation with local governments, agencies, and First Nations” and “Information gathering...” to September 2015.
- “Community to Community Forum” change to October 2015.

**GM-2015-033**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee endorse the Gambier Island OCP Review Engagement Phase Project Charter as amended.

**CARRIED**

**GM-2015-034**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee endorse the Gambier Island OCP Review Bylaw Amendment Phase Project Charter as presented.

**CARRIED**

The Communications Plan for the OCP Review’s Engagement Phase was reviewed and discussed. It was suggested that a public information meeting could occur sometime in August 2015. Trustee Stamford stated she would look into the practical aspects of that.

**GM-2015-035**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee endorse the Draft Communications Plan as amended.

**CARRIED**

**12. REPORTS**

**12.1. Work Program Reports**

12.1.1. Top Priorities Report Dated June 9, 2015

The Top Priorities list was reviewed and discussed.

**GM-2015-036**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee move Priority #1 “Foreshore Protection/Stewardship...” to Priority #3, Priority #2 “OCP Advocacy Policies” to Priority #4, Priority #3 “Riparian Area Regulation...” to Priority #1, and Priority #4 “Gambier OCP...” to Priority #2.

**CARRIED**

12.1.2. Projects List Report Dated June 9, 2015

Reviewed.

**12.2. Applications Report Dated June 9, 2015**

Reviewed.

**12.3. Trustee and Local Expense Report Dated May, 2015**

Reviewed.

**12.4. Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions**

Reviewed.

**12.5. Local Trust Committee Webpage**

The following was suggested to add to the webpage:

- Madrone report for RAR mapping
- OCP staff report and timeline
- Local correspondence

Discussion ensued.

**12.6. Chair's Report**

Chair Morrison reported on Executive Committee stating that it is busy getting ready for Trust Council. She noted that she submitted a question to BC Ferries CEO Michael Corrigan, guest presenter at the upcoming Trust Council meeting, regarding the Lasqueti Island ferry and it has already been resolved.

**12.7. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Rogers stated that his report has already been sent out to the public. He added that on June 28, 2015 at 3:00pm he would be attending the ribbon cutting ceremony in Gibsons to open the Sea to Sky Marine Trail and that it is open to the public.

Trustee Stamford stated that her report has also been sent out. She highlighted that on Monday she visited the Sea Ranch property to look at the trails.

**12.8. Electoral Area Director's Report**

None.

**12.9. Trust Fund Board Report - May 2015**

Reviewed and discussed.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

**13.1. Heritage Designation for Merry Island Lighthouse**

13.1.1. Memorandum dated June 8, 2015

Reviewed and discussed. Congratulations were given to the staff that made this happen.

**14. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**14.1. Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 10:30 am at Gambier Island Community Centre, Andy's Bay Road, Gambier Island, BC**

**15. TOWN HALL**

Kim Benson stated if any trustees wanted to give her a call about SCRD ports or BC Ferries, that she would be happy to give background on that.

**16. CLOSED MEETING**

None.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

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Susan Morrison, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Jessie Sherk, Recorder