



Gambier Island Local Trust Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: May 26, 2026
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Gambier Island Community Centre
Andy's Bay Road, Gambier Island, BC

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| 1. | CALL TO ORDER | 11:00 AM - 11:05 AM | |
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| 2. | TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT | | |
| 3. | APPROVAL OF AGENDA | | |
| 4. | REPORTS | 11:05 AM - 11:20 AM | |
| | 4.1 | Trustee Reports | |
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| | 4.3 | Electoral Area Director's Report | |
| 5. | PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD | 11:20 AM - 11:40 AM | |
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| 8. | DELEGATIONS - none | | |
| 9. | APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS | 12:00 PM - 12:10 PM | |

9.1 PL-DVP-2026-0079 (Grove Rd) - Staff Report - LATE ITEM

~ BREAK 12:10 PM - 12:40 PM ~

10.	LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS	12:40 PM - 1:40 PM	
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15.1	Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 10:00 am at Gambier Community Centre, 721 Andy's Bay Rd., Gambier Island, BC		

16. CLOSED MEETING

2:20 PM - 2:40 PM

16.1 Motion to Close the Meeting

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, s.90(1)(a), (f), and (i) for the purpose of considering:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- (f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

and that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

16.2 Recall to Order

16.3 Rise and Report

17. ADJOURNMENT



Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: March 24, 2026
Location: Electronic Meeting,
and a physical location to view the livestream of the meeting:
Islands Trust Gabriola Office
700 North Road
Gabriola, BC V0R 1X3

Members Present: Laura Patrick, Chair
Kate-Louise Stamford, Trustee
Joe Bernardo, Trustee

Staff Present: Renee Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager
Marlis McCargar, Island Planner
Sonja Zupanec, Island Planner
Margot Thomaidis, Planner 2
Joe Elliott, Senior Indigenous Advisor
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder

Others Present: There were approximately 8 members of the public in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Patrick acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was approved as presented.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Bernardo reported the following:

- Attended the recent Trust Council meeting which focussed on the budget of which a substantial part is a result of staff pay increases and election costs;
- Trust Council reviewed an independent contractor's report regarding trustee remuneration which has not been looked at in 15 years, and the consultant's recommendations were adopted.

Trustee Stamford reported the following:

- Citywest is laying fibre optic cables and residents can sign up for service through a direct link which she will provide in an upcoming community email;
- Ocean Legacy recently undertook a cleanup for Howe Sound with a number of communities participating.

4.2 Chair's Report

Chair Patrick reported the following:

- The work on the draft Trust Policy Statement continues to move forward;
- The Stewardship award nominations are open until April 26.

4.3 Electoral Area Director's Report

Director Stamford reported the following:

- The Regional District passed their budget which will result in an increase of \$11 per \$100,000 of home value in area F;
- The Sunshine Coast Regional District presented the Efficiency Plan which is directed towards methods for conserving water;
- All of the bridges in the Cliff Gilker Regional Park were destroyed in the 2022 rain storm and the cost to replace them was significant; however, the Regional District partnered with Sunshine Coast Community Forest who are using downed wood in the park to reconstruct new bridges;
- The Coastal Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Report has been received;
- Attended a workshop hosted by the Coastal Hospital Foundation with featured a panel of emergency service providers who discussed layers of emergency response and services that are managed on the Sunshine Coast.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public asked how many members of the public were in the meeting, when the meeting notice went out, and if there would be a lengthy period of time for landowners to participate in the Official Community Plan amendment process as indicated in the staff report attached to the agenda.

It was noted 8 members of the public were attending online, Trustee Stamford sent an email out to her subscriber list providing notification of the meeting, Islands Trust sends out a subscriber notices one week prior to the meeting when the agenda package is available, and meetings are scheduled and posted on the website approximately one year in advance when the annual schedule is adopted. The Chair confirmed the overall engagement process on the Official Community Plan will take place over a period of time.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Local Trust Committee Meeting dated January 27, 2026 - for adoption

By general consent, the Gambier Local Trust Committee meeting minutes of January 27, 2027 were adopted.

6.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report - none

6.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - none

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List dated March 18, 2026

Received for information.

8. DELEGATIONS

8.1 Presentation by Sunshine Coast Regional District on Coastal Floodplain Mapping Project

Raphael Shay, Manager, Sustainable Development, Sunshine Coast Regional District provided a presentation and highlighted the following:

- Provided context on coastal flooding related to hazard, risk, and vulnerability assessment for the Sunshine Coast;
- Sea level rise is a result of glacier melt and thermal expansion;
- High tides, storm surge, wave and wind action, and sea level rise were taken into consideration when mapping the risk assessment;
- The project consisted of updating flood mapping, coastal flood management policy recommendations, and community outreach;
- Policy recommendations primarily focussed on prioritizing hazard areas within Development Permit Areas;
- Flood mapping shows inundation levels, flood construction level, and coastal vulnerability index (erosion);
- The work is informing Sunshine Coast Regional District Official Community Plans;
- The report is available on the Sunshine Coast Regional District’s project website.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of a Development Permit Area (DPA) to address coastal flood risk and it was noted that the Town of Gibsons has adopted their DPA which can be looked at to emulate regional consistency, a model DPA for the Trust Area might be considered.

9. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

9.1 PLDVP-2026-0019 (Rogers) - Staff Report

The Planner summarized the staff report and highlighted the following:

- The application seeks a Development Variance Permit to reduce the rear lot line on the subject property from 7.5 metres to 0.0 metres for the construction of a new single-family dwelling;
- The property is located on a strata lot consisting of three portions unevenly trisected by common property;
- The variance request is the result of a previous landowner’s site preparation and proposed development will not result in further land alterations or rock blasting;
- The property access and utilities infrastructure are primarily located on an adjacent lot;
- Public notice was distributed to neighbouring property owners and most neighbours expressed support.

The applicant was in attendance and spoke to the application.

Discussion ensued and the applicant responded to questions regarding the clean up and excavation on the adjacent lot where the utilities are situated.

GM-2026-017

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee approve Development Variance Permit PL-DVP-2026- 0019 with the following variance to the Gambier Island Land Use Bylaw No. 86, 2004:

- a. To reduce the rear lot line setback from 7.5 m to 0.0 m to permit construction of a new single-family dwelling and attached deck.

CARRIED

10. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

10.1 Major Project: Gambier Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw Targeted Review - Draft Bylaw 163 - Staff Report

The Planner summarized the staff report and highlighted the following:

- The report introduces Draft Bylaw No. 163 introduces amendments to address Indigenous context, acknowledgement, objectives, and policies as per the recommendation of the Squamish Nation;
- The Advisory Planning Commission met to discuss the referral regarding public engagement, draft shoreline Development Permit Area, and draft shoreline Heritage Conservation Area and their recommendations include
 1. that the Advisory Planning Commission reviewed and supports the revised project charter deliverables and workplan to engage the community on the draft shoreline Development Permit Area;
 2. that the Advisory Planning Commission recommends the Local Trust Committee release project funds to support the development of a short, recorded video on the draft shoreline Development Permit Area posted online and three community engagement opportunities in July and August with two on Gambier on weekends and one weekday in North Vancouver;
 3. that the Advisory Planning Commission recommends the development of a draft public survey on the shoreline Development Permit Area working draft document and the information video be referred back to the Advisory Planning Commission for comment prior to being presented to the Local Trust Committee.

GM-2026-018

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to release project funds from the Official Community Plan Review Project to support the development of

- a) short recorded video to be posted online and
- b) schedule three community engagement sessions in July and August for public review of the draft shoreline development permit area.

CARRIED

GM-2026-019

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to work with Gambier Island Advisory Planning Commission members on:

- a) the development of a draft public survey on the shoreline Development Permit Area working draft document;
- b) the development of an information video; and that the draft survey and video be referred to the Advisory Planning Commission for comment prior to being presented to the Local Trust Committee.

CARRIED

The Planner continued to present the staff report and summarized the following:

- The draft bylaw supports recommendations that were identified through engagement with Squamish Nation including updating the Official Community Plan with Squamish Nation references to Gambier Island, appropriate land acknowledgement language, commitments to reconciliation as an overarching framework for policy guidance, and recognize the impacts of the existing patterns of settlement, protected areas, and residential development on First Nations rights and title;
- An additional amendment includes the Cotton Bay lots that were excluded from the original Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 73;
- Staff have received a substantive number of edits from trustees and proposed edits are not included in the draft attached to the staff report;
- Staff recommend edits be formally brought forward in a staff report for discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- The draft does not contain an overarching statement of where Gambier Island had been and where it is going and should be added to place a historical context with inclusion of Indigenous communities;
- Organization of First Nations acknowledgements, while maintaining most of the wording, was suggested with areas related to heritage conservation and archeology interests and other wording specific to foreshore and freshwater setbacks be placed in separate sections;
- The draft bylaw represents one amendment and there will be other amendments to address other issues later on the process;
- The strategy is to lead with the reconciliation components; however, this approach requires communication to the public that this is preliminary to the rest of the work;
- This should be presented as background context to the policies being proposed, with care taken in wording to avoid misunderstanding;
- Reconciliation language can be general and aspirational; however, in legislation there is need to be careful to avoid an impression that the scope is beyond the jurisdiction of the Local Trust Committee or Islands Trust, and they do not want to create the impression of creating co-governance as they do not have jurisdiction to do so.

A Trustee suggested the edits provided should be reviewed so each of the trustees can explain and discuss their position, while the Planner noted that the next business meeting would be the best opportunity to discuss the suggested edits, as it is important to ensure the information is presented in an agenda package for transparency and to facilitate discussion.

The Senior Indigenous Advisor noted that it is important to be transparent in the process so that individuals have an opportunity to speak to the edits at the next meeting, and that some of the suggested edits have the effect of changing Islands Trust commitments to reconciliation and depleting the relationship that has been built with the Nations and Indigenous Governing Bodies.

A Trustee stated they would like to explain the direction they are going to enable staff to provide analysis.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

The Chair provided Trustees an opportunity to outline their reasoning for their suggested edits.

A Trustee agrees with the purpose of this aspect of the Official Community Plan amendment process and noted:

- The Official Community Plan has to be consistent with relevant law of the day;
- It is important to build community consensus;
- The first three paragraphs of section 2.3 Indigenous Context of Acknowledgement and Reconciliation describe the history of how First Nations have not been taken into consideration and they suggest a vast amount of subsequent text be deleted because it is repetitive, can be interpreted as political argument and belongs in communication pieces and not legislation;
- Stating patterns of colonial settlement continue to shape land ownership undercuts the purpose of reconciliation;
- The term title is a colonial concept and Islands Trust does not have jurisdiction to recognize title;
- Islands Trust does not have authority or ability to resolve title claims, recognition of a right is a legal finding of the courts, and one can't assume a right before it has been established;
- Integration of Indigenous knowledge and stewardship perspective could fetter discretionary decision making;
- The use of the term supporting efforts to co-develop planning indicate co-management and Islands Trust does not have authority to enter into a co-management or decision-making function without legislative change.

A Trustee noted they are primarily interested in structural changes to how the document bylaw is presented and categorized, and they have general acceptance of the proposed language.

Trustees spoke to wanting to understand the origin of the proposed language, the legislative function of the language, and the jurisdiction of the Local Trust Committee related to the proposed language.

GM-2026-020

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to:

- 1) explain the origins and purposes of the contextual language in draft Bylaw No. 163;
- 2) address the scope and limitations of the Local Trust Committee's jurisdiction to fulfill the Official Community Plan objectives identified in the draft; and
- 3) include and address in the staff report the specific edits to the draft proposed by Trustees Stamford and Bernardo in their recent emails to the Local Trust Committee and staff, as part of its preparation of the agenda of the Local Trust Committee's May 26th, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE - none

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

12. NEW BUSINESS - none

13. STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Gambier LTC Annual Report - Staff Report

The annual report was presented to the Local Trust Committee for review and approval.

GM-2026-021

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff amend the draft text for the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee section of the 2025/26 Annual Report by adding Keats Island before OCP and LUB in reference to Bylaws No. 153 and 154.

CARRIED

GM-2026-022

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee approves the text for inclusion in the 2025/26 Annual Report for approval by Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs as amended.

CARRIED

13.2 Short Term Rental Accommodation Act - Principal Residence Requirement Opt-In Update – Briefing

The Chair stated the purpose of the briefing it to remind Local Trust Committee's that the annual deadline to opt-in to the provincially regulated principal residence requirement for short term rental accommodations is March 31.

The briefing was received for information.

13.3 Trust Conservancy Report - none

13.4 Applications Report dated March 18, 2026

Received for information.

13.5 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated January, 2026

Received for information.

13.6 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received for information.

13.7 First Nations Relationship Building Update - none

13.8 Local Trust Committee Webpage - none

14. WORK PROGRAM

14.1 Active Projects Report dated March 18, 2026

Remove Keats Island Shoreline Project from the list.

14.2 Future Projects Report dated March 18, 2026

Received for information.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 1:57 p.m. and reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS

15.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2026 at 11:00 am at Gambier Community Centre, 721 Andy's Bay Rd., Gambier Island, BC

GM-2026-023

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee change the meeting time from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM for the May 26, 2026 and July 21, 2026 in-person regular meetings

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder

DRAFT



Minutes of the Gambier Island Advisory Planning Commission

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Location: Electronic Meeting

APC Members Present: Camilla Berry, Chair
Florence Cosulich, Member
Steve MacDonald, Member
Carol Petroski, Member
Jim Quail, Member

Staff Present: Sonja Zupanec, Island Planner
Katherine Vogt, Recorder

Others Present: There were no members of the public present

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Berry called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Gambier Island Advisory Planning Commission Draft Minutes dated March 23, 2026

By general consent the Gambier Island Advisory Planning Commission draft minutes dated March 23, 2026, were approved as presented.

4. REVIEW OF SURVEY AND VIDEO SCRIPTS

The Advisory Planning Commission (APC) members discussed how best to engage members of the Gambier public on the proposed Draft Gambier Island Shoreline Development Permit Area (DPA) through the following recently received draft public engagement documents from planning staff: 1. Draft April 2026 Shoreline DPA Public Survey Questions; 2. Draft Video Script #1; and 3. Draft Video Script # 2.

APC members started with the draft survey by reviewing and collectively revising each of the 21 proposed survey questions consecutively.

APC members noted the following:

- Page reference numbers to the proposed Draft Gambier Shoreline Development Permit Area (DPA) bylaw should be provided at the end of survey questions, where appropriate;
- Questions that are more specific should come first in the survey;
- A link to the Shoreline DPA bylaw should be highlighted and linked to the top of the survey document;
- Yacht Club and Church Camp members need to be considered on the survey;
- Issues of government jurisdiction and government approval processes need to be addressed;
 - The Planner offered that there were existing government jurisdiction graphics that could provide introductory information to members of the public as an attachment to the survey; and offered to provide APC members with a variety of graphic samples to choose from;
- In a previous survey, it was helpful that distinct communities around Gambier Island were identified and named;
 - The Planner requested from an APC member a copy of the document that previously categorized Gambier Island into distinct neighborhoods and geographical areas;
- Gambier’s shoreline is highly geographically specific. Blanket regulations that do not consider this specificity are problematic;
- The proposed 30 meters shoreline buffer is precautionary; but may be adequate, inadequate, or unnecessary depending on local geography;
 - The Planner noted that the 30 meters designation is a common number to use for shoreline DPAs, sometimes 15 meters is designated; and Squamish First Nation had considered 200 meters;
- Some areas on Gambier Island already have a local shoreline DPA or a crown land shoreline buffer, and this should be acknowledged in the survey by map;
- The proposed required environmental or geotechnical reports for complex developments will be concerning to many members of the public; and the situations that would instigate a requirement for a report should be defined objectively, fairly and comprehensively;
- Many contentious issues emerged in Pender Harbor regarding shared docks; proposed dock sizes that may be too small and unsafe for the size of certain boats; and old boat houses;
- People need to recognize that building on Gambier can be expensive and difficult; and that the understanding of environmental impacts of development has evolved over the last 30 years;
- Members of the public should be asked how the permit process could be improved;
- There should be awareness brought to members of the public on the use of refundable deposits and inspections for the proposed 3-year post development restoration and compliance regulations;

- The Planner described successful outcomes of the refundable deposit program; and noted that it takes 3 biological years for replanting's to become root-established; and added that this deposit is not a lien on the property; and added that a restrictive covenant would be tied to the property but would be considered excessive for a native plant restoration requirement;
- Members of the public should be offered to share their creative ideas and suggestions regarding how people can best be responsible stewards of their local environment.

Member Cosulich offered to share the APC edited survey document with the Planner and other APC members for further comment.

The Planner advised the following:

- That that the APC draft survey document could be presented as a late item to Trustees up to May 22 for their weekend review before the next regular Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting on May 26, 2026.
- That staff will be recommending to the LTC in an upcoming staff report that two public meetings be held in August 2026, one on Gambier and one in North or West Vancouver.
- That videos are considered not to be a good method to convey substantive information; but that in short form, they may be helpful in encouraging members of the public to engage with the survey.

5. NEXT MEETING TIME and ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the APC will be May 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. electronically.

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Camilla Berry, Chair

Certified Correct:

Katherine Vogt, Recorder

Follow Up Action Report

Gambier Island

29-Apr-2024

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	<p>1 Major project: Initiate a request to schedule an elected officials meeting with Squamish Nation in the fall/winter of 2024 to discuss the status of the implementation of Squamish Nation engagement recommendations.</p> <p><i>Feb. 3: Staff to send letter to initiate request, and look at timing in late summer/early fall aligning with project milestones, deliverables.</i></p>	<p>Joe Elliott</p> <p>Renee Jamurat</p> <p>Sonja Zupanec</p>		In Progress

28-May-2024

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
50%	<p>1 Complete PDF versions of maps from the Islands Trust Area Aquifer Conceptualization and Groundwater Recharge Mapping for the GM LTA, include them in a staff report, with a short presentation, and publish maps on the website by the next regular meeting on July 30, 2024.</p> <p><i>- As per Trust Council FU25/26 budget, there is an approved business case to continue the Freshwater Atlas development. Further update expected at a future LTC meeting.</i></p> <p>\n</p>	William Shulba	Target: 01-Oct-2024	In Progress

Follow Up Action Report

Gambier Island

01-Oct-2024

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
25%	<p>1 Staff to implement the following OCP/LUB project recommendations from Squamish Nation listed in Table 1 attached to the staff report dated October 1, 2024 and to prepare draft language for applicable polices/regulations for LTC consideration of subsequent steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Table 1 Recommendations A1; A2; A3; A4; A5; B2; B3; B5; B6; B9; C1; C3; C4; D3 and D5. 	Sonja Zupanec		In Progress

Follow Up Action Report

Gambier Island

27-Jan-2026

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
0%	<p>1 Incorporate <i>Option 2: 'Retain Current Approach with Clarified Regulations,'</i> per the January 27, 2026 Memo on accessory building regulations, into the technical review phase of the OCP/LUB major project.</p> <p><i>Added to Major Project items list in May 2026</i></p>	Sonja Zupanec		In Progress
0%	<p>2 Staff to review the implications of adding <i>Option 3</i>, as outlined in the January 27, 2026 memorandum regarding accessory building regulations, to the current GM OCP/LUB project, or alternatively, to assess adding it to the future project list.</p>	<p>Marlis McCargar</p> <p>Sonja Zupanec</p>		In Progress
50%	<p>3 Draft, review, consider readings for OCP amendments consistent with Squamish Nation staff recommendations A1, 2, 4 and 5 (Engagement Summary 2023)</p>	Sonja Zupanec		In Progress
0%	<p>4 Summer 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Undertake limited public engagement on the draft shoreline DPA and HCA guidelines. <p>September 2026 - January 2027</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Staff to consolidate results of public engagement for LTC consideration of next steps in future OCP and LUB amendments. 	Sonja Zupanec	Target: 31-Aug-2026	In Progress
0%	<p>5 Request staff to draft a letter for the Chair to the newly elected Squamish Nation Council congratulating them on their election, acknowledging the Land Use Plan, and requesting a meeting to further relationship-building. The LTC would like to review the draft letter via email prior to distribution.</p>	<p>Joe Elliott</p> <p>Renee Jamurat</p>		In Progress

Follow Up Action Report

Gambier Island

24-Mar-2026

Progress	Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
73%	1 Gambier OCP project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Work with the APC to develop a survey related to the draft DPA ·Explore planning summer engagement sessions on Gambier and in Vancouver ·Create a video recording explaining the DPA for the website 	Sonja Zupanec		In Progress
100%	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Request staff to explain the origins and purpose of the contextual language in draft Bylaw 163; ·Request staff to address the scope and limitations of the LTC's jurisdiction in fulfilling the OCP objectives identified in the draft; ·Request staff to incorporate and respond to the specific edits proposed by the LTC in recent emails, within the staff report for the May 26 LTC meeting; and ·Include the above items as part of the agenda preparation for the May 26 LTC meeting 	Sonja Zupanec	Target: 26-May-2026	Completed



File No.: 6500-20
(Gambier Island
OCP/LUB Review
Project)

DATE OF MEETING: May 26, 2026

TO: Gambier Island Local Trust Committee

FROM: Sonja Zupanec, Island Planner
Northern Team

SUBJECT: Consideration of Amendments to Draft Bylaw No. 163 (OCP)

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request the following amendments be made to Draft Bylaw No. 163 for consideration of First Reading at the July 21, 2026 regular business meeting: (*specify amendments*)
2. That the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to schedule and facilitate up to two Community Information Meetings subject to available resources, in-person and/or online in July or August 2026, to provide information and receive public feedback on the proposed draft shoreline protection development permit area language.
3. That the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to finalize the shoreline protection public engagement survey, incorporating Advisory Planning Commission feedback and launch the digital survey for public participation in early July, closing mid-September 2026.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report introduces Trustees suggested edits to draft Gambier Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 163, to amend the Indigenous context, acknowledgment, objectives and policies. Staff are also providing a verbal update on Advisory Planning Commission (APC) suggested edits to the draft shoreline protection survey questions and information video script to support public engagement this summer.

BACKGROUND

At the March 2026 regular business meeting the Local Trust Committee (LTC) passed the following resolutions. Status updates are provided for each:

- GM-2026-018 It was *MOVED* and *SECONDED***
that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to release project funds from the Official Community Plan Review Project to support the development of
- a) *short recorded video to be posted online and*
 - b) *schedule three community engagement sessions in July and August for public review of the draft shoreline development permit area. **CARRIED***

Major project funds may be used to support venue rental and light refreshments for up to two in-person Community Information Meetings (CIMs) in August: at the Gambier Island Community Hall and/or at a suitable venue in Vancouver. Due to limited staff availability and resources in July and August, staff also recommend hosting one online CIM during that period.

GM-2026-019 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to work with Gambier Island Advisory Planning Commission members on:

- a) the development of a draft public survey on the shoreline Development Permit Area working draft document;*
- b) the development of an information video; and that the draft survey and video be referred to the Advisory Planning Commission for comment prior to being presented to the Local Trust Committee. **CARRIED***

The APC has reviewed the draft survey questions and video script prepared to support public introduction of the draft shoreline Development Permit Area guidelines this summer. At the time this report was prepared, the APC's recommended amendments had not yet been finalized and are anticipated to be included as a late item in the May 26 LTC agenda package for consideration.

GM-2026-020 It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to:

- 1) explain the origins and purposes of the contextual language in draft Bylaw No. 163;*
- 2) address the scope and limitations of the Local Trust Committee's jurisdiction to fulfill the Official Community Plan objectives identified in the draft; and*
- 3) include and address in the staff report the specific edits to the draft proposed by Trustees Stamford and Bernardo in their recent emails to the Local Trust Committee and staff, as part of its preparation of the agenda of the Local Trust Committee's May 26th, 2026 meeting. **CARRIED***

The analysis section of this staff report attempts to address the LTC's request regarding Trustee edits as show in Attachments 1 and 2.

ANALYSIS

Context and Origins of the Draft OCP Language in Bylaw No. 163

The proposed amendments in Bylaw No. 163 were prepared based on the scope in the approved LTC project charter regarding strengthening relations with First Nations. Through that direction, staff prepared draft bylaw language in direct response to referral comments and recommendations received from the Squamish Nation regarding the Gambier Island Official Community Plan. Staff drafted the proposed language to reflect the Nation's request for more explicit acknowledgment of Indigenous history, ongoing relationships to Cha7élkwnech (Gambier Island), and the importance of incorporating reconciliation principles into local land use planning.

Staff also note that the proposed bylaw language has been prepared by the Regional Planning Team for broader application across several Local Trust Areas, to remain within the scope of local government planning authority while still meaningfully recognizing Indigenous interests and relationships. The draft language attempts to balance reconciliation-related policy direction with the Local Trust Committee's jurisdiction over land use planning matters.

The following recommendations were provided to the LTC by Squamish Nation staff and form the basis of the draft OCP bylaw amendment language:

Recommendation A1: Update OCP with Cha7éłkwnech (Gambier) Island references throughout.

Recommendation A2: Amend OCP with appropriate land acknowledgment.

Recommendation A4: Amend OCP with specific commitments to reconciliation as overarching framework for all policy guidance.

Recommendation A5: Amend OCP to explicitly recognize the impacts of existing patterns of settlement, protected areas and residential development on First Nations rights and title.

Draft Bylaw No. 163 is also informed by broader policy direction established by Islands Trust Council, including the 2019 Reconciliation Declaration and related strategic commitments being advanced across Local Trust Areas through the Regional Planning Team. These commitments support Indigenous engagement, cultural heritage recognition, and cooperative land use planning. The draft language was developed to incorporate Indigenous referral feedback and Trust-wide reconciliation objectives into an Official Community Plan policy framework within the Local Trust Committee's jurisdiction. Based on this policy support and direction from the LTC, this proposed bylaw is presented to the LTC for review, revision and indicate support for bylaw readings.

Official Community Plans commonly include contextual policy statements addressing historical, cultural, environmental, and governance considerations that inform future land use planning and decision-making. In this case, the proposed language recognizes the longstanding Indigenous presence, stewardship, and interests within the plan area and establishes a policy basis for future engagement, cultural heritage protection, and ecological stewardship in planning decisions.

Scope of Local Trust Committee Authority

The Local Trust Committee's authority is established under the Islands Trust Act and the Local Government Act. The proposed language in draft bylaw No. 163 does not create or alter Indigenous rights, private property ownership, Crown title, reserve boundaries, or legal interests in land. Rather, the policies provide land use planning guidance respecting how the Local Trust Committee may approach future planning processes, referrals, policy development, and consideration of cultural and ecological values within its statutory mandate. The proposed wording does not expand the regulatory jurisdiction of the Local Trust Committee beyond existing legislative authority.

Trustee Proposed Edits to Draft Bylaw No. 163

Staff have reviewed the edits proposed by Trustees (Attachment 1 and 2) that were received by email in March 2026. The following analysis presents factors in considering the trustees' proposed revisions along with the Squamish recommendations. The LTC is being asked to identify which revisions to the draft bylaw it wishes to advance to first reading.

Attachment 1 Edits:

The proposed Trustee suggested edits in **Attachment 1** generally retain the core intent of **Squamish Nation Recommendations A1, A2, A4, and A5**, including explicit references to Cha7éłkwnech

(Gambier Island), Indigenous acknowledgment, reconciliation, Indigenous rights and title, and the impacts of colonial settlement patterns.

Attachment 1 edits appear to preserve substantial historical and cultural context respecting Squamish Nation presence and stewardship on Cha7élkwnech (Gambier Island), which more fully addresses **Recommendation A2** respecting land acknowledgment.

The edits in Attachment 1 recognize that patterns of colonial settlement, subdivision, protected area designation, and residential development occurred without recognition of Indigenous title and rights, which directly responds to **Recommendation A5**.

Attachment 1 edits explicitly acknowledge Indigenous rights and title as “inherent and constitutionally protected,” and retains language respecting collaborative planning relationships, co-development opportunities, and integration of Indigenous perspectives into planning processes.

Attachment 2 Edits:

The proposed Trustee suggested edits in Attachment 2 adopt a more limited approach to contextual acknowledgment requested by the Squamish Nation and therefore only partially address **Recommendation A2** respecting “appropriate land acknowledgment.”

Several edits appear to remove references describing the ongoing relationships of Indigenous Nations to Cha7élkwnech (Gambier Island), including stewardship, governance, cultural continuity, and enduring connections to land and marine waters. This may be seen to weaken or narrow the scope of acknowledgment originally requested through Nation engagement.

Recommendation A4 requested that reconciliation be established as an “overarching framework for all policy guidance.” Several proposed edits in Attachment 2 instead reposition reconciliation language as limited procedural guidance, reducing its role as a foundational planning principle within the Official Community Plan.

A concern with the proposed revisions is that it could appear to qualify or remove language respecting Indigenous rights, interests, and stewardship perspectives, reducing alignment with the intent of **Recommendation A4** to embed reconciliation meaningfully within land use planning policy.

Recommendation A5 specifically requested explicit recognition of “the impacts of existing patterns of settlement, protected areas and residential development on First Nations rights and title.” Attachment 2 edits revise portions of the draft language that directly acknowledge these historic and ongoing impacts and therefore respond more narrowly to Recommendation A5.

While some edits improve clarity respecting the Local Trust Committee’s limited statutory authority, there is a concern that the overall effect of the revisions in Attachment 2 appear to significantly narrow the reconciliation framework originally drafted based on what staff heard through the Squamish Nation recommendations.

Attachment 1 edits appear to be substantially responsive to the substance and intent of the recommendations received from the Squamish Nation.

Attachment 2 edits appear to provide a narrow implementation of Recommendations A2, A4 and A5 within the OCP.

The LTC is asked to identify which edits are to be incorporated into the draft bylaw for consideration of first reading at the next business meeting July 21, 2026.

Project Status:

The OCP/LUB Review project is currently in Phase 2, which includes limited public engagement on the draft shoreline protection bylaw language and review of proposed OCP amendments responding to Squamish Nation recommendations summarized in this report.



Alternatives

The LTC may consider the following alternatives to the recommendation:

Proceed no further

The LTC may choose to proceed no further with the draft OCP bylaw and focus their final months of the term on public engagement of draft shoreline protection area guidelines. Staff advise that the implications of this alternative are that the project charter will need to be updated/amended to reflect the LTC’s desired objectives and deliverables:

That the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee proceed no further with draft Bylaw No. 163 (OCP).

NEXT STEPS

If the LTC supports the staff recommendations outlined on page one of this report, up to two in-person Community Information Meetings (CIMs) and one online CIM will be scheduled in July and August, and the public survey on the draft shoreline Development Permit Area language will be finalized and released. Any LTC-endorsed amendments to Draft Bylaw No. 163 (OCP) will be incorporated into the revised draft and presented to the LTC in July for consideration of first reading.

The Regional Planning Manager notes that further changes to expand the scope or timeline of the project is subject to available resources and may as a result in work being paused, and may also be subject to LTC approval to continue in the new year following local elections, and direction to proceed in the next fiscal year.

Submitted By:	Sonja Zupanec, RPP MCIP, Island Planner	May 14, 2026
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Concurrence:	Renée Jamurat, RPP MCIP, Regional Planning Manager	May 15, 2026
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Trustee Stamford Proposed Edits to Draft Bylaw No. 163 (OCP)-March 2026
2. Trustee Bernardo Proposed Edits to Draft Bylaw No. 163 (OCP)-March 2026
3. Draft Bylaw No. 163 (March 2026)
4. Advisory Planning Commission edits to draft shoreline development permit area survey questions – **PENDING LATE ITEM**

Sonja Zupanec

From: Kate-Louise Stamford
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 5:11 AM
To: Joe Bernardo; Laura Patrick; Sonja Zupanec
Cc: Renee Jamurat
Subject: Suggested Bylaw language for desired changes - ignore last night's email

After ruminating and re-reading I recognize that I can't add in goals from the Policy Statement that aren't in there yet or necessarily add "musts" into the OCP that aren't musts, so here is a possible version written for bylaw consideration. I want to review Trustee Bernardos specific amendments within this context as well:

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Part 2 Community Goals, Purpose of the Official Community Plan, last paragraph is deleted and replaced with:

2.2 The Plan may include policies related to ~~social needs~~, social well-being and development, the integration of **respectful engagement with Indigenous Governing Bodies, cultural heritage and indigenous ecological management**, the maintenance and enhancement of farming, and the regulation of the preservation, protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment, its ecosystems and biological diversity.

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Historical and Cultural Context of Gambier Island

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island and surrounding waters. The **Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw** have lived on, travelled through, harvested from, and cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial. The island and surrounding marine areas form part of a rich cultural landscape that includes traditional travel routes, seasonal harvesting sites and spiritual places. The enduring presence, knowledge, and stewardship of the Squamish Nation continue to shape the identity and ecological health of the region.

Long before the arrival of settlers, the island was embedded in a system of governance, resource management, and cultural practice. The rights and title of the Squamish Nation are inherent and constitutionally protected, and remain central to the ongoing story of Gambier Island.

Non-Indigenous settlement on Gambier Island began in the mid- to late-19th century, following the arrival of European newcomers who established small homesteads, logging operations, and shoreline camps. Early activity focused on resource extraction—particularly timber harvesting—supported by a network of float camps, hand-logging sites, and later small sawmills that operated intermittently around the island. As transportation routes expanded through Howe Sound, settlers created modest agricultural clearings, fishing sites, and seasonal dwellings, gradually forming loosely connected shoreline neighbourhoods.

Today, Gambier Island reflects this layered history: a blend of multi-generational recreational neighbourhoods, a growing full-time population, and visitors who are drawn to its natural beauty, quiet pace, and strong sense of place. Despite changes over time, the island retains a predominantly rural, forested landscape that continues to shape community identity and the values expressed in this Plan.

This Official Community Plan acknowledges that Gambier Island’s past, present, and future are inseparable from the rights, title, and cultural heritage of the Squamish Nation. The Plan is grounded in a commitment to respectful relationships, shared stewardship, and reconciliation, recognizing that planning for the island’s future must honour its full history and support a sustainable, inclusive path forward.

Indigenous Acknowledgment and Reconciliation

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Patterns of colonial settlement, reserve allocation, subdivision, residential development, and protected area designation occurred without recognition of Indigenous title and rights. These patterns continue to shape land ownership and land use within the Local Trust Area.

Future policy development and land use planning decisions are to be approached in a manner grounded in respect for Indigenous interests. This includes the protection and stewardship of ecological systems, cultural heritage, burial places, archaeological sites, and cultural landscapes, as well as consideration of Indigenous Governing Bodies interests in reconnecting with the lands and marine waters of Gambier Island within land use decision-making processes.

Reconciliation as a Planning Framework

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- a. Building respectful, collaborative government-to-government relationships;
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use decisions are approached within the Local Trust Area.

Reconciliation Objectives

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4. Support efforts to co-develop planning, land use, and land protection processes with Indigenous Governing Bodies within the Local Trust Area; and
5. Respond to the **generous** guidance and teachings that have been shared with staff and trustees by Indigenous Peoples.

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acknowledges a historical disregard for and lack of protection of collective heritage of the area for Indigenous Peoples. All archaeological sites are protected by the Provincial Government through the *Heritage Conservation Act*. This protection applies to all lands and means any person wishing to undertake any land-altering activities must have a provincial heritage permit to alter or develop with an archaeological site.

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*Kate-Louise Stamford
Gambier/Keats Local Trust Committee
Gambier Island
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**GAMBIER ISLAND LOCAL
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ALC Staffing and Budget Pressures

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The combined effect of increasing workload and a fixed operating budget has progressively eroded the Commission's ability to maintain staffing levels. While temporary Ministry support helped manage these pressures in prior years, the Commission was advised in January 2026 that it must operate strictly within its approved annual budget, which was confirmed in February to remain unchanged at \$5.5 million for the 2026/27 fiscal year.

Over the past year, the Commission implemented extensive cost-containment measures, including significant reductions to Commissioner expenses, staff travel, office supplies, and general project and meeting expenditures. Despite these efforts, salary and benefit costs now exceed available funding, leaving staffing reductions as the only remaining option to ensure fiscal compliance.

The ALC remains committed to protecting agricultural land and supporting farming in British Columbia. However, continued expansion of statutory responsibilities without commensurate funding directly affects service capacity, processing timelines, and organizational sustainability. While the Commission will continue to prioritize critical and time-sensitive matters wherever possible, some service impacts may be experienced.

Long-term service sustainability depends on stable funding that is aligned with the Commission's legislated mandate. The ALC will continue to work with government to seek funding arrangements that support effective service delivery, and we appreciate the understanding and cooperation of local governments during this period.

Jennifer Dyson
Chair
Provincial Agricultural Land Commission



Islands Trust

STAFF

REPORT

File No.: 3900-03 (GM BL 161)

DATE OF MEETING: May 26, 2026

TO: Gambier Island Local Trust Committee

FROM: Nadine Mourao, Legislative Clerk
Northern Team

COPY: David Marlor, Director, Legislative and Information Services

SUBJECT: Gambier Island LTC Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 161 – Final Adoption

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw 161, cited as “Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedures Repeal Bylaw No. 161, 2025”, be adopted.

PURPOSE:

To rescind the “Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw, 2022.”

BACKGROUND:

At its regular meeting in June 2025, Trust Council adopted the Local Trust Committees’ Meeting Procedures Bylaw by a 2/3 majority vote. This bylaw is authorized under s.11 of the *Islands Trust Act*.

Staff based the draft LTC Meeting Procedures Bylaw on the Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedures Model Bylaw that Trust Council adopted in December 5, 2003 and updated in the early 2020’s, and which was used by local trust committees to develop their own meeting procedures bylaws.

The new Trust Council Bylaw No. 197 ‘LTC Meeting Procedures’ does not add anything new beyond what local trust committees were recommended to have in their bylaws under Trust Council’s previously adopted model meeting procedures bylaw, with the exception of:

- adding the release of an agenda outline two-days before the agenda deadline as indicated in the Trust Council resolution;
- changing the period for notification of meetings from calendar year to fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) to align with proposed changes to Trust Council’s Meeting Procedures Bylaw;
- adding an allowance for the minimum of two required annual meetings of the Executive Committee Acting as a Local Trust Committee (for Ballenas-Winchelsea) to be in-person or electronically; and
- making other minor changes to address wording amendments and clarity.

Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Mayne, North Pender, Saturna, and South Pender Local Trust Committees do not currently have procedures regarding “delegations”, “order” and decorum”, “Invited Presentations”, and “public participation” in their bylaws (sections 23 to 45 in the draft Trust Council Local Trust Committees Meeting Procedure Bylaw).

The Trust Council Bylaw No. 197 has the same meeting procedure requirements for all 12 Local Trust Areas and the Executive Committee Acting as a Local Trust Committee for Ballenas-Winchelsea. This will streamline administration of meetings and reduce costs and resources.

Most Local Trust Committee bylaws contain a clause authorizing the LTC Chair as signatory to documents on behalf of the Local Trust Committee. As this is not a meeting procedure it is omitted from the Trust Council Bylaw No. 197 for Local Trust Committee meeting procedures. LTCs authorize Chair signatory through other means, such as a standing resolution or policy of the Local Trust Committee.

Under s.11 of the *Islands Trust Act*, a Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw for Local Trust Committees would over-ride any local trust committee meeting procedures bylaws in the event of a conflict. Since Trust Council’s Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw contains all the procedures that are in LTCs’ Meeting Procedure Bylaws, the Local Trust Committee meeting procedures bylaws are redundant. To avoid confusion, staff recommend that the Local Trust Committee rescind their Meeting Procedure Bylaw.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

ORGANIZATIONAL:

Rescinding the Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaws will avoid confusion, as the Trust Council Bylaw prevails, and there are no additional procedures in the Local Trust Committee Bylaws.

FINANCIAL:

There is no direct financial implication.

POLICY:

There are no policy implications

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

Islands Trust website has been updated to link the Trust Council Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedures Bylaw to each Local Trust Committee’s list of administrative bylaws.

FIRST NATIONS RELATIONS:

There are no First Nations relations implications.

OTHER:

There are no other implications.

RELEVANT POLICY(S):

- [Islands Trust Act, Section 11](#)
- [Policy 2.1.7 Trust-wide Administrative Procedures \(Section 11\)](#)
- [Trust Council Bylaw No. 197, 2024 Local Trust Committees’ Meeting Procedures Bylaw](#)

RESPONSE OPTIONS

Recommendation:

That the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee give Bylaw No. 161, cited as “Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedures Repeal Bylaw No. 161, 2025”, be adopted.

Alternative:

As directed by the Gambier Local Trust Committee.

Submitted By:	Nadine Mourao, Legislative Clerk	May 14, 2026
Concurrence:	Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager	May 15, 2026

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 161

PROPOSED

GAMBIER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEDURES REPEAL BYLAW BYLAW NO. 161

A Bylaw to repeal the "Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw, 2022".

WHEREAS Trust Council by a 2/3 vote of the members present adopted the Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 197 at its regular meeting in June 2025;

AND WHEREAS, under s.11 of the Islands Trust Act, a Trust Council meeting procedures bylaw for local trust committees would over-ride any local trust committee meeting procedures bylaws in the event of a conflict; as Trust Council's Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw contains all the procedures that are in the local trust committee's meeting procedure bylaws, the local trust committee meeting procedures bylaws are redundant,

NOW THEREFORE, the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedures Repeal Bylaw No. 161, 2025".
2. "Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw, 2022", is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER , 2025

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER , 2025

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER , 2025

APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS TRUST THIS
4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY , 2026

ADOPTED THIS ___ DAY OF _____ , 202_

Chairperson

Secretary



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REPORT

File No.: GM BL 162
3900-03

DATE OF MEETING: May 26, 2026

TO: Gambier Island Local Trust Committee

FROM: Nadine Mourao, Legislative Clerk
Northern Team

COPY: David Marlor, Director, Legislative and Information Services

SUBJECT: Gambier Public Notification Bylaw No. 162 – Final Adoption

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the **Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 162**, cited as “**Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Public Notification Bylaw No. 162, 2026**”, be adopted.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this staff report is to provide the local trust committees with a draft bylaw for Public Notification that is based on the model approved by Trust Council.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Charter establishes the requirements for publishing public notice where public notices are required by the *Local Government Act*. The Community Charter includes a default requirement, and an option to adopt an alternative means by bylaw.

The default public notification is by publication in two editions of a newspaper once each week for two consecutive weeks, unless another provision for a specific type of notice states otherwise. The newspaper has to circulate local area.

Section 94.2 of the *Community Charter* gives local governments, including local trust committees, the authority to adopt public notice bylaws. If a local trust committee adopts a Public Notice Bylaw, the local trust committee is required to publish notices by all the methods specified in that bylaw. Local trust committees that do not adopt a Public Notice Bylaw are required to continue to follow the default publication rules under Section 94.1 of the *Community Charter*.

When adopting a Public Notice Bylaw, the local trust committees are required to consider the principles of effective public notice (reliable, suitable, and accessible) described by the [Public Notice Regulation](#).

Principles of Effective Public Notice

The Public Notice Regulation establishes the principles that must be considered before a public notice bylaw is adopted; these are:

- Reliable – the publication methods are dependable and trustworthy;

- Suitable – the publication methods work for the purpose for which the public notice is intended; and
- Accessible – the publication methods are easy to access and have broad reach.

In considering the adoption of a Public Notice Bylaw, local trust committees must consider and record, either by a resolution recorded in the minutes, or by preamble whereas clauses in the bylaw, that these principles have been considered.

Considering the three principles (reliable, suitable and accessible) possible methods to publish public notices that are available to local trust committees include:

- Online or print newspaper;
- Islands Trust website;
- Community website or newsletter;
- Islands Trust social media page, such as Facebook; and
- Direct email or mail out.

Each of the above meet the principles set out in the Public Notice Regulation. On-line print newspaper still has the problem of being published infrequently, or not circulated through the entire local trust area. Use of a community website or newsletter is outside the control of Islands Trust and each could be shut-down or modified without Islands Trust input; this could compromise the accessibility and reliability principles. Direct mail or a mail-out would reach all owners and residents; however, it could be expensive and time consuming to undertake.

The two best options with the lowest costs and that meet the principles outlined in the Public Notice Regulation are publishing on the Islands Trust website and publishing on an Islands Trust social media page. These are recommended, however, Trust Council recognizes that there may be other conditions on the islands that may warrant a different method.

At its June 2025 meeting, Trust Council adopted Policy 4.1.16 Model Public Notice Bylaw. This contains the format for such a bylaw and recommends the use of the Islands Trust website and a social media account to post the notices. As these are recommendations, and each local trust committee must consider the reliability, suitability and accessibility of the form of notice for their islands, variation on the recommendation may be considered.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

ORGANIZATIONAL:

In addition to the default requirement of newspaper advertising, local trust committees are already posting notices on our website and email notification service. Adoption by local trust committees of a bylaw similar to the model would simplify our administrative processes and reduce costs.

FINANCIAL:

Adoption by local trust committees of a Public Notice Bylaw similar to the model will result in a reduction in costs generally as it will remove the need to advertise in print newspapers.

POLICY:

There are no policy implications.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff post the new bylaw on the Islands Trust website, and staff would be made aware of the new public notification process.

FIRST NATIONS RELATIONS:

There are no First Nations relations implications.

OTHER:

There are no other implications.

RELEVANT POLICY(S):

Section 94 and Section 94.2 of the Community Charter
Community Charter Public Notice Regulation
Trust Council Policy 4.1.16 Model Public Notice Bylaw

Recommendation:

That the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 162, cited as “Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Public Notification Bylaw No. 162, 2026”, be adopted.

Alternative:

As directed by the Gambier Local Trust Committee.

Submitted By:	Nadine Mourao, Legislative Clerk	April 28, 2026
Concurrence:	Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager	May 15, 2026

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Bylaw No.162



ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY REPORT TO LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEES AND BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

HIGHLIGHTS OF ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY MARCH 17, 2026 BOARD MEETING

NOTE: For more detail on Islands Trust Conservancy meetings, including recordings and meeting minutes, please visit <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/whats-happening/meetings-and-events/>

- The ITC Board Chair rose and reported that it has approved spending of up to \$5,000 from the Land Securement budget to support a potential nature reserve securement in the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area.
- The ITC Board requested staff to allocate undesignated donations received in the 2025-26 fiscal year to the Property Management Fund to support management of Islands Trust Conservancy protected areas.
- The ITC Board requested staff to notify the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee that ITC's interests are unaffected by proposed Bylaw No. 107, Lasqueti Island.
- The ITC Board requested staff to notify the Island Planner for Denman Island that approval of Bylaws 256 and 257 is endorsed by the ITC Board on the basis that the proposed bylaws brings the Official Community Plan and zoning into alignment with the conservation purpose of the subject properties and adds another layer of protection from development.
- The ITC Board accepted the conservation proposal submitted by Marilyn Walker to place a Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption (NAPTEP) covenant on approximately 2.5 ha of a Salt Spring Island property.
- The ITC Board requested staff to forward the ITC quarterly update to Trust Council local trust committees, and Bowen Island Municipality for the Conservancy Report agenda item, following its receipt at Trust Council.
- There is a joint Executive Committee/ITC Board meeting on April 15, 2026.
- The next Islands Trust Conservancy Board meeting is May 12, 2026.

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COMPLETED SINCE LAST REPORT (January - March 2026)	PLANNED FOR FIRST QUARTER 2026-27 (April - June 2026)
1. STRATEGIC PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS	
<p>Personnel/Staffing: Continued recruitment for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenant Management Specialist • Communications Specialist • Administrative Assistant 	<p>Personnel/Staffing: Onboard new</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenant Management Specialist • Communications Specialist • Administrative Assistant
<p>ITC Five-Year Plan development: Developed a logic model and work plan Updated project charter Prepared and delivered engagement letters to First Nations and conservation partners Hosted an Information Session with interested First Nations (Feb. 19th)</p>	<p>ITC Five-year Plan development: Establish cooperative engagement framework and commence engagement with First Nations interested in involvement with development of Five-year Plan</p>
<p>ITC Board support: Hosted January 20th and March 17th ITC Board meetings Hosted January 30th ITC Board special meeting Began re-appointment process for provincially appointed board members Submitted referral response to Trust Council on the draft Policy Statement</p>	<p>ITC Board support: Host May ITC Board meeting Host special ITC Board meeting for ITC audit report findings Continue to support board member re-appointment process</p>
<p>Financial Management Continued to support the Board in reviewing and refining its budget request and business cases through review cycle Submitted revised budget to Committee of the Whole and Trust Council Prep for financial statement process</p>	<p>Financial Management Complete financial statement process and support the annual audit process. Implement budget Begin budget planning for 2027/28</p>
<p>ITC Policies: Continued policy review/update project</p>	<p>ITC Policies: Continue policy review/update project Engage with First Nations on identifying policy gaps and improvements</p>



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<p>SAR Program: Continued negotiation of a conservation agreement between Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)</p> <p>Received a \$26,000 grant from Tree Canada to support the recovery of species and ecosystems at risk at Mt Tuam Protected Area</p> <p>Continued facilitating Species at Risk Program evaluation</p> <p>Completed collation and mapping of ITC SAR data (Co-op student project)</p> <p>Developed and presented a Stewardship Education Webinar on Species at Risk</p> <p>Presented on ITC Species at Risk Program to the Regional Planning Committee in February</p> <p>Co-organized and hosted an in-person meeting for 40 Priority Places Program grant recipients</p> <p>Completed Q3 reporting to funder for ECCC Priority Places Species at Risk Program</p> <p>Investigated SAR monitoring research proposals for 26/27 fiscal year</p> <p>Presentation to ITC Board ‘SAR Program Highlights’ at March meeting</p> <p>Continued collaboration with Planning Services to develop products, training, and support materials about species and ecosystems at risk</p>	<p>SAR Program: Complete final report to ECCC for Species at Risk (SAR) Program</p> <p>Investigate and implement SAR monitoring research proposals for 26/27 fiscal year</p> <p>SAR Program administrative wrap-up</p> <p>Plan with Protected Areas Management Team to prioritize species at risk work post ECCC funding.</p>
<p>Software Updates:</p> <p>Data Management System/GIS: Investigated procurement options for GIS specialist/firm to design a data management system to integrate into existing GIS systems.</p> <p>Field Technology Tools and Applications: Assessed new tools and features and provided feedback to GIS team</p> <p>Securement Applications Portal: Ongoing revisions, staff training, and procedure development for Islands Trust Applications Portal</p>	<p>Software Updates:</p> <p>Data Management System/GIS: Contract GIS specialist/firm to design a data management system to integrate into existing GIS’s systems.</p> <p>Field Technology Tools and Applications: Provide feedback to mapping team about application re-launch</p> <p>Work with mapping team to prepare software and database for 2026 field work season</p> <p>Securement Applications Portal: Ongoing revisions, staff training, and procedure development for the Islands Trust Applications Portal</p>



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<p>Other: Attended meeting with Tsawout First Nation (January)</p>	<p>Other: TBD</p>
<p>2. COVENANT AND PROPERTY SECUREMENT PROJECTS</p>	
<p>Conservation Planning Began developing a project plan for Regional Conservation Plan evaluation</p> <p>Collaborated with Planning Services to identify gaps in ecological data and analyses</p> <p>Updated conservation proposal forms with revised waiver of confidentiality, and information about First Nations referrals</p> <p>Continued securement negotiations on ~27 ha of land for ITC nature reserve (1 Galiano, 1 Salt Spring)</p> <p>Continued negotiations on ~2 ha of land for NAPTEP covenants (1 North Pender, 1 Salt Spring)</p> <p>Continued discussions related to enquiries about conservation options for three properties (1 Salt Spring, 1 Hornby, 1 Saturna).</p> <p>Ongoing review of applications for three land donations (Salt Spring, Lasqueti, Denman) and 1 NAPTEP (Salt Spring)</p>	<p>Conservation Planning Prepare project charter for multi-year Regional Conservation Plan evaluation and revision</p> <p>Board review and decision on three conservation proposals.</p> <p>Continue negotiations on existing conservation proposal projects</p>
<p>3. COVENANT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT</p>	
<p>Protected Area Monitoring: Presented nature reserve and covenant monitoring results and recommendations from 2025 monitoring season to ITC Board</p> <p>Issued reports with notice of compliance/non-compliance and stewardship recommendations to covenant landholders</p> <p>Collaborated with management groups to address concerns observed on nature reserves</p> <p>Collaborated with covenant co-holders and landholders to address compliance concerns and priority management needs in conservation covenants.</p> <p>Reviewed annual monitoring program and implemented improvements for 2026 season.</p>	<p>Protected Area Monitoring: Continue addressing concerns observed on nature reserves.</p> <p>Continue to collaborate with covenant co-holders and landholders to address compliance concerns and priority management needs in conservation covenants.</p> <p>Commence 2026 monitoring season</p>

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<p>Protected Area Management Projects: Reviewed annual reports from management groups and contractors implementing management projects in ITC protected areas</p> <p>Finalized list of priority projects for 2026-27</p> <p>Worked with Comox Valley Regional District on Denman Island Cross Island Trail along Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve.</p>	<p>Protected Area Management Projects: Implement third year of three-year service contracts for management activities in ITC nature reserves.</p> <p>Commence procurement processes for priority projects for environmental monitoring, species-at-risk conservation, ecosystem stewardship, infrastructure maintenance, and other management needs</p> <p>Continue work with Comox Valley Regional District on Denman Island Cross Island Trail along Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve.</p>
<p>Protected Area Management Planning Archeology assessment contracts in progress for two nature reserves.</p> <p>Continued policy development for management planning, risk management, and signage.</p>	<p>Protected Area Management Planning Archeology assessment contracts in progress for two nature reserves until March 2027.</p> <p>New policies in review for management planning, risk management, and signage.</p>
<p>Technology Improvements: Worked with GIS staff on updates and improvements to FieldMaps app based on user feedback during 2025 field season.</p> <p>Continued to work with GIS staff to ensure all spatial data collected for ITC protected areas can be incorporated and viewed in available mapping applications.</p> <p>Trial Survey123 as a replacement for paper monitoring forms.</p>	<p>Technology Improvements: Complete work with GIS staff to ensure updates to FieldMaps have been made and trialed.</p> <p>Roll out Survey123 for official use in Monitoring Program if trial is successful.</p> <p>Continue to work with GIS staff to ensure all spatial data collected for ITC protected areas can be incorporated and viewed in available mapping applications.</p> <p>Continue to explore remote monitoring solutions and related policy development.</p>
<p>Other: Continued policy review, drafting of new policies, and revision of outdated policies.</p>	<p>Other: Continue policy review/drafting/update.</p>
<p>4. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH</p>	
<p>NOTE: Support on priority communications projects this quarter was provided by a contractor while the Communications Specialist position is vacant. Many communication-related activities are pending until a new Communications Specialist is onboarded.</p>	
<p>Social Media: Weekly social media posts & engagement across all ITC platforms</p> <p>Launch of strategic giving WillPower campaign for 2026</p>	<p>Social Media: Weekly social media posts & engagement across all ITC platforms - Launch Reflections from the Field in spring 2026 to highlight field work, Winter Heron features on social media</p>



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	Ongoing strategic giving WillPower campaign posts
News Releases: None	News Releases: TBD
Publications: Designed and delivered digital & physical ITC Holiday Cards to donors and other key stakeholders Published end-of-year ITC eNews Published Giving Tuesday ITC eNews Issued <i>Caring for Your Conservation Covenant</i> newsletter to covenant landholders ITC FOLKLIFE Ad circulation in next issue of the magazine	Publications: Publish Winter Heron Newsletter Publish Winter ITC eNews
Outreach: None	Outreach: None
Events: None	Events: Host celebration for one new nature reserve and one new NAPTEP covenant on Salt Spring Island
Reports: None	Reports: Prepare for ITC 2025/26 Annual Report
5. FUNDRAISING AND CONSERVANCY SUPPORT	
Donor Relations: Stewardship of donors and advisors (ongoing) Reviewed and updated donor members in contract relationship database Received and processed donations – sent thank you letters and issued charity tax receipts Met with several potential donors interested in legacy giving Tour of S’ul-hween X’pey (Elder Cedar) Nature Reserve with legacy donor	Donor Relations: Stewardship of donors and advisors (ongoing) Receive and process donations – send thank you letters and issue charity tax receipts Follow up with potential donors interested in legacy giving
Strategic Giving: Continued WillPower Campaign seeking bequests of conservation lands or conservation funds Calls with two professional advisors Updated pledged bequests	Strategic Giving: Continue WillPower Campaign seeking bequests of conservation lands or conservation funds Review effectiveness of WillPower Campaign

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<p>Fund Management: Continued review of Opportunity Fund Guidelines</p>	<p>Fund Management: Review donation Policy and other fund guidelines Develop Fund Management Policy</p>
<p>Other: Developed draft Opportunity Fund application form Developed grant-needs spreadsheet Researched external grant opportunities (ongoing) Reviewed donation policies and fund guidelines Developed legacy and conservation print ad for Folklife Magazine</p>	<p>Other: Research external grant opportunities (ongoing)</p>



Gambier Local Trust Committee

Open Applications

Report

Print Date: May 19, 2026

Development Permit

Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
PLDP20260206	Sophia Khan	5/7/2026	507 SHAWANABE RD, GIBSONS, B	

Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity
Marlis McCargar	Under Review	Generate Complete Application Letter

Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
GM-DP-2022.1	Carolyn & Davi	2/14/2022	1598 MT ARTABAN RD, GAMBIER	PID: 026-162-890 To bring structures into compliance with setbacks. Civic address: Lot 27 Mount Artaban Road, Gambier Island, BC.

Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity
Margot Thomaidis	Under Review	Add Optional Referrals

Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
PLDP20250179	Monte Staats	4/30/2025	561 SKYLINE RD	Development Permit and Development Variance Permit for a proposed revetment at 561 Skyline Road, Keats Island

Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity
Marlis McCargar	Under Review	Planning Review

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Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
PLDP20250187		5/8/2025	0 THE GROVE RD	Application to construct a driveway in a DPA.

Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity
Marlis McCargar	Under Review	Add Optional Referrals

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Development Variance Permit

Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
PLDVP20250130	Andrew and Reanne	3/21/2025	1314 BUCCANEER BAY SHORELIN	Application to repair / extend an existing shoreline revetment.

Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity
Margot Thomaidis	Under Review	Add Optional Referrals

Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
PLDVP20260083	Sophia Khan	2/25/2026	507 SHAWANABE RD, GIBSONS, B	Converting to a dwelling and adding an extension room to the existing building under an open permit BP002593 with SCRD and original approved DVP/DPA on file.

Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity
Marlis McCargar	Under Review	Generate Complete Application Letter

Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
PLDVP20250215	Monte Staats	5/28/2025		Development Permit and Development Variance Permit for a proposed revetment at 561 Skyline Road, Keats Island

Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity
Marlis McCargar	Under Review	Generate Complete Application Letter

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Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
GM-DVP-2022.1	Carolyn & Davi	2/14/2022	1598 MT ARTABAN RD, GAMBIER	PID: 026-162-890 To bring structures within compliance with setbacks. Civic address: Lot 27 Mount Artaban Road, Gambier Island, BC.
Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity		
Margot Thomaidis	Under Review	Generate Complete Application Letter		

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Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
PLDVP20260079	Kayla Hildebrand	2/24/2026	832 THE GROVE RD, GAMBIER ISL	<p>The existing guest (secondary) dwelling is to be renovated mainly on the interior which includes updating the finishes and fixtures. There are currently 3 bedrooms, we are not proposing any additional bedrooms. There are currently 2 bathrooms, we are not proposing any additional bathrooms. The interior layout on both the main and top floor will be slightly reconfigured to create a better use of the space.</p> <p>We are proposing an addition to the South side of the dwelling on the main floor only that's 117.1 square feet (10.9 m2). This will allow for better use of the small space.</p> <p>The existing basement is an unfinished space where the foundation wall is scribed around the rock. We are not planning to increase the size of this space but simply insulate it so that we can move the mechanical equipment here to free up interior space. There will not be living space on this level.</p> <p>There will be no change to the building height.</p> <p>The addition is located on the south side of the secondary dwelling and does not reduce the separation distance between the secondary dwelling and the principal dwelling. Visually, the impact would be minimal, as the addition is limited to the main level and does not alter the overall roof form. The roof design will closely match the existing covered deck, such that the building's appearance would remain largely unchanged once construction is complete.</p> <p>The addition would occupy a portion of the existing deck area, resulting in negligible environmental impact and no expansion into previously undisturbed land.</p> <p>The use for this guest cabin is strictly for secondary use by the property owners. The proposed addition is modest in scale and is intended solely to improve the livability of the existing secondary dwelling, which is currently quite cramped. The main-floor bedroom would be enlarged to better accommodate families with children, without increasing occupancy or intensity of use.</p>

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The principal dwelling is 2,785 square feet, whereas the guest (secondary) dwelling is proposed to be 1,558.3 square feet.

Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity
Ian Cox	Local Trust Committee	Assign to LTC Meeting

Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
GM-DVP-2022.3	Kenneth & Joa	6/14/2022	123 ESPLANADE RD	PID: 010-892-567 To permit existing seawall within 25 foot setback. Civic address: 123 Esplanade Road, Eastbourne, Keats Island, BC.

Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity
Margot Thomaidis	Local Trust Committee	Generate Staff Report

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Subdivision

Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
PLSUB20260143	Tina Johansen	4/9/2026	457 DULCIE RD, GAMBIER ISLAND	

Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity
Ian Cox	Under Review	Add Optional Referrals

Application Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Address	Purpose
GM-SUB-2021.1	Ken & Joan Pe	6/29/2021	119 ESPLANADE RD; 123 ESPLAN	PIDs: 010-892-486 and 010-892-567 Lot line adjustment. Civic address: 123 and 119 Esplanade Road, Eastbourne, Keats Island.

Planner	Status	Most Recent Completed Activity
Margot Thomaidis	In Abeyance	Generate Complete Application Letter

Islands Trust

LTC EXP SUMMARY REPORT F2026
Invoices posted to Month ending March 2026

630 Gambier	Invoices posted to Month ending March 2026	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>
65000-630	LTC "Trustee Expenses"	200.00	90.70	109.30
LTC Local				
65050-630	LTC "Executive Expense on LTC's"	1,851.00	576.74	1,274.26
65200-630	LTC - Local Exp - LTC Meeting Expenses	1,610.00	1,686.49	-76.49
65210-630	LTC - Local Exp - APC Meeting Expenses	0.00	893.95	-893.95
TOTAL LTC Local Expense		<u>3,461.00</u>	<u>3,157.18</u>	<u>303.82</u>
Projects				
73001-630-2016	Gambier OCP/LUB	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>9,925.00</u>
TOTAL Project Expenses		<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>9,925.00</u>

Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Policies & Standing Resolutions

No	Meeting Date	Resolution No.	Issue	Policy
1.	October 6, 2010	GM-082-2010	Guidelines for the appointment of members to the advisory planning commission	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee endorses the following guidelines for the appointment of members to the advisory planning commission and requests that such guidelines be posted on the Islands Trust website and are used in any posting to solicit expressions of interest from candidates for advisory planning commission membership:</p> <p>“The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee shall make all reasonable efforts, in the consideration of appointments to the advisory planning commission that members are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Representative of a broad cross section of the geographical areas of the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee area; b. Representative of a range of backgrounds and expertise that is supportive to each other in the consideration of matters referred to the advisory planning commission; c. Where feasible and practical of a balanced representation of gender and age groups. <p>Consideration shall be given to the following criteria in any appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous experience as a member of a Board of Variance; • Experience on a local government council, board, local trust committee, commission or other body; • Experience with other volunteer boards, commissions or committees; • Experience and credential in a planning, design or related profession; • Experience and credentials in a building or design trade; • Educational background; • Length of residency in the local trust area; • Availability, and willingness to travel between local trust areas.
2.	March 26, 2015	GM-2015-018	Amend APC appointment guidelines	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED, that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee amend the APC appointment guidelines to allow for representation of members to be weighted to a geographic area subject to a current top priority project.</p>

No	Meeting Date	Resolution No.	Issue	Policy
3.	October 26, 2017	GM-2017-065	Development Permit Area (DPA) No. 3: Riparian Areas administration	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee adopt a Standing Resolution which directs staff to administer Development Permit Area (DPA) No. 3: Riparian Areas in the interim before formal amendments are made to the DPA, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The “Designated Area” provisions of Section 12.3.1 of Gambier Island Official Community Plan No. 73 should be used to determine whether or not a proposed development is subject to DPA No. 3: Riparian Areas; b. When development is proposed within the “Designated Area”, applicants shall be required to have a Qualified Environmental Professional assess the water feature to determine whether or not it is subject to the Riparian Areas Regulation; c. When development is proposed within the “Designated Area” of a water feature which is determined to be subject to the Riparian Areas Regulation, a DPA No. 3: Riparian Areas Development Permit shall be required; d. When development is proposed within the “Designated Area” of a water feature which is determined not to be subject to the Riparian Areas Regulation, a DPA No. 3: Riparian Areas Development Permit shall not be required.
4.	December 11, 2017	GM-2017-078	Adding item to agenda	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to add to each agenda “First Nations Activities” under the Reports section.</p>
5.	January 25, 2018	GM-2018-009	First Nations Words, Phrases and Place Names	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That staff incorporate First Nations’ words, phrases, and place names in Local Trust Committee communications, as appropriate.
6.	July 25, 2019	GM-2019-031	Model Cell Tower Consultation Process	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee adopt the model strategy for antenna systems.</p>

No	Meeting Date	Resolution No.	Issue	Policy
7.	November 21, 2019	GM-2019-061	First Nations Reconciliation engagement	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution with respect to First Nations in the Local Trust Area:</p> <p>Whereas the Local Trust Committee seeks to engage in Reconciliation with local First Nations, governments and the island community by honouring the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Draft Principles that Guide the Province of British Columbia's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples, and Islands Trust First Nations Engagement Principles, the Local Trust Committee endeavors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Annually, write a letter to First Nations, (re)introducing trustees and staff and provide a schedule of known Local Trust Committee meetings for the upcoming year, as well as, provide an update of current projects and advocacy activities; b) For various Local Trust Committee meetings, invite elders from local First Nations to attend and provide a traditional welcome to the territory; c) Work with First Nation governments on cooperative initiatives, including and not limited to, language, place names, territorial acknowledgements, and community education on Coast Salish and local First Nations' cultural heritage and history; d) Work with First Nation governments on engagement principles for inclusive land use, marine use, and climate change planning; advocacy, protection and stewardship; and knowledge and information sharing protocols; e) Establish and maintain government-to-government dialogue with First Nations, now and into the future, based on respect and recognition of Aboriginal rights and title, treaty rights, and First Nations' traditional territories within the Islands Trust Area.
8.	July 23, 2020	GM-IC-2020-001	Bylaw Enforcement investigation	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request Bylaw Enforcement staff to cease investigation and enforcement of complaints on Keats Island regarding otherwise lawful accessory uses, buildings and structures on a parcel where no principal use exists if the adjacent parcel has a principal use and both parcels are held under common ownership.</p>

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9.	February 10, 2023	GM-RWM-2023-001	Bylaw Enforcement deferral	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED Defer enforcement on existing seawalls on North Thormanby Island. The deferment of enforcement should not be interpreted as permitting any new additions or structures from requiring a permit or otherwise requiring compliance with the Gambier Associated Islands Land Use Bylaw No. 120.'</p>
10.	August 29, 2023	GM-RM-2023-027	Unlawful Land Uses and Planning Applications	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED that Gambier Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following policy on unlawful land uses and planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Where an application is received and a use is continuing in contravention of a land use bylaw, staff are directed to request that the applicant cease the use prior to processing the application, and staff are directed to continue with enforcement until the use is ceased. b) The applicant may request that the Local Trust Committee proceed with consideration of the application while the use is continuing; and, where the Local Trust Committee considers there is a community need to process the application while the prohibited use is continuing, the Local Trust Committee may direct that bylaw enforcement actions, including the issuing of notices, cease. c) Where the Local Trust Committee does not consider that there is a community need, or the applicant has not made such a request of the Local Trust Committee, bylaw enforcement actions, including the issuing of notices will continue. d) In deciding whether to grant land use approval for a use that was commenced in contravention of a land use bylaw, the Local Trust Committee may consider whether the applicant has suspended the prohibited land use pending a decision on the application.

11.	September 9, 2025	GM-RM-2025-037	Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw Compliance & Enforcement Policy	<p>Bylaw Compliance & Enforcement Policy No. 1, effective June 24, 2025. Version No. 2</p> <p>Purpose To establish policies and procedures for bylaw compliance and enforcement in the Local Trust Area in accordance with the adopted Trust Council Policies contained in Policy 5.5.1., and that are within the authority of the Local Trust Committee to enforce, and to ensure that policies and procedures are efficient, transparent, reasonable, and consistent with local community standards.</p> <p>PART A</p> <p>1.0 Application This policy will apply to the Gambier Island Local Trust Area and the enforcement of all applicable regulatory bylaws.</p> <p>2.0 Definitions & Abbreviations</p> <p>BEN – Bylaw Enforcement Notice LUB – Land Use Bylaw Minor structure – any structure that does not require a building permit, and that is not located in a development permit area or located within any other environmentally sensitive area Respondent – a property owner whose property is subject to a bylaw enforcement complaint Health & Safety concerns – fire, unsafe construction, hazards relating to steep slopes or cliffs, or the dumping of sewage Vexatious - complaints that are made in bad faith or for retaliatory purposes or that are considered frivolous, may be considered vexatious; or repeated complaints that form a part of a pattern of conduct by the complainant that amounts to an abuse of the complaint process</p> <p>3.0 References Islands Trust Act section 28: Enforcement of bylaws 28 (1) For the purposes of enforcing its bylaws and section 32 of this Act, a local trust committee has all the power and authority of a regional district board. Gambier Island Land Use Bylaw No. 86</p> <p>2.3 Inspection (1) The Islands Trust Bylaw Investigation Officer or any other person employed by or under</p>
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				<p>3) Bylaw Enforcement Assistant</p> <p>Screening Officer Powers and Duties The powers and duties of the screening officer are contained in section 7.3 of the bylaw. However, it is the direction of the Local Trust Committee that these powers and duties only are carried out in respect to each of the above positions as follows:</p> <p>1) Regional Planning Manager. In respect to Bylaw Violation Notices issued by all Bylaw Enforcement Officers, including the Manager of Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement, the Regional Planning Manager, acting as Screening Officer, may exercise all of the powers and duties in Section 7.3 of Bylaw No. 156, 2011;</p> <p>2) Manager of Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement. In respect to Bylaw Violation Notices issued by Bylaw Enforcement Officers, the Manager of Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement, acting as Screening Officer, may exercise all of the powers and duties in Section 7.3 of Bylaw No. 156, 2011;</p> <p>3) Bylaw Enforcement Assistant. In respect to Bylaw Violation Notices issued by all Bylaw Enforcement Officers, including the Manager of Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement, the Bylaw Enforcement Assistant, acting as Screening Officer, may exercise only those powers and duties in Section 7.3(1) and 7.3(2) of Bylaw No. 156, 2011.</p> <p>Authorized Reasons to Cancel Bylaw Violation Notices A Screening Officer may cancel a Bylaw Violation Notice if satisfied that one or more of the following reasons exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The contravention did not occur as alleged. 2. The contravention no longer exists. 3. The Bylaw Violation Notice was issued to the wrong person. 4. The Bylaw Violation Notice was not completed properly. 5. The issuance of the Bylaw Violation Notice did not adhere to established Trust Council or Local Trust Committee policies. 6. It is unreasonable for the person to pay a penalty. 7. An exception specified in the bylaw, or related enactment, or Local Trust Committee Standing Resolution, or compliance and enforcement policy exist. 8. A permit exists or has been obtained that authorises the alleged contravention.
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No	Meeting Date	Resolution No.	Issue	Policy
				<p>9. There is poor likelihood of success at adjudication for the Local Trust Committee the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The evidence is inadequate to show a contravention; b. Incorrect information was relied upon in issuing the Bylaw Violation Notice; c. The disputant intends to challenge the bylaw with a legal argument that is ill suited to the adjudication process or the legal arguments are too complicated to be decided by an adjudicator. <p>10. It is not in the public interest to proceed to adjudication for one of the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The bylaw has changed since the Bylaw Violation Notice was issued and now authorizes the contravention; b. A Local Trust Committee resolution has deferred enforcement on the specific contravention; c. The Local Trust Committee has closed the file; d. The offence occurred because of a circumstance that made it unreasonable for the person to comply with the bylaw.

Gambier Island

1. Major Project - Gambier OCP & LUB Targeted Review - Phase 2

Responsible

Dates

Activity:

Sonja Zupanec

Rec'd: 12-Feb-2015

Conduct a review of the Gambier Island Official Community Plan policies and Land Use regulations pertaining to forest protection, protection of archaeological and cultural sites, shoreline protection and marine designations across the Plan area.\n

Including:

- Reconsider the zoning designation title 'Wilderness Conservation;' \n
- Add a definition for 'breakwater;' \n
- Consider policies and regulations regarding trams (funicular tracks, etc.);\n
- Review site specific water zones on Gambier;\n
- Clarification around water storage tanks as structures, requirements for screening, and the need for setback placement as part of their use as community amenities in fire protection.
- Incorporate Option 2: 'Retain Current Approach with Clarified Regulations,' per the January 27, 2026 Memo on accessory building regulations, into the technical review phase of the OCP/LUB major project.

Future Projects Report

Gambier Island

1. <i>Administrative</i>	Responsible	Date Received
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development Approval Information Bylaw: Develop and adopt a D.A.I bylaw for the Gambier Trust Area. - Identification of all Crown reserves (strips) and similar Crown properties (i.e. islets) in the Gambier Island Local Trust Area. 		01-Sep-2022
2. <i>OCP & LUB</i>	Responsible	Date Received
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Explore the Implementation of Heritage Conservation Areas and Shoreline Development Permit Areas across the Local Trust Area to address First Nations interests and concerns; - develop advocacy policies for pump out stations across the LTA. 		01-Sep-2022
3. <i>LUB</i>	Responsible	Date Received
<p>Gambier LUB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreational Camp and Private Institutional Regulation Review - Temporary Overnight Accommodation bylaw review with regards to short-term vacation rentals <p>Keats LUB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update definition of 'dwelling' in the Keats Island Land Use Bylaw No. 78. 		01-Sep-2022

Future Projects Report

Gambier Island

4. <i>OCP</i>	Responsible	Date Received
N/A		01-Sep-2022
5. <i>Advocacy and Communications</i>	Responsible	Date Received
N/A		01-Sep-2022
6. <i>Bylaw Enforcement</i>	Responsible	Date Received
N/A		01-Sep-2022
7. <i>LUB (Gambier, Keats, Associated Islands, Bowyer & Passage Islands)</i>	Responsible	Date Received
Complete an analysis of the implications for opting in to S. 15 of the Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act. Work to be completed before the opt-in statutory deadline for 2025.		29-Jan-2024