



Governance Committee

Minutes of a Special Electronic Meeting

Date: June 24, 2024
Location: Electronic meeting, Public venue
Islands Trust
200-1627 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8R 1H8

Members Present: Judith Gedy, Chair, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee
Jamie Harris, Vice-Chair, Salt Spring Island Trustee
Joe Bernardo, Gambier Island Trustee
Laura Patrick, Salt Spring Island Trustee
Timothy Peterson, Lasqueti Island Trustee,
Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Island Trustee
Peter Luckham, Thetis Island Trustee & Trust Council Chair (ex-officio)
Lisa Gauvreau, Galiano Island Trustee, Islands Trust Conservancy (ex-officio)
Lee Middleton, Saturna Island Trustee

Staff Present: Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
David Marlor, Director, Legislative Services (DLS)
Lori Foster, Executive Assistant/Recorder

**Members of the
Public Present:** None

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 a.m., Chair Gedy called the meeting to order and provided a land acknowledgement that the meeting was being held on Coast Salish traditional and treaty territory.

2. AGENDA

2.1 New Items and Re-Ordering of the Agenda

Add as Item 3.4 – Matrix Review

2.2 Approval of Agenda

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Schedule a Special Meeting re: draft Code of Conduct - Briefing

Received for information.

3.2 Code of Conduct Review – Briefing

Discussion ensued on the draft Code of Conduct policy as presented in the agenda package.

The following comments were heard:

- draft policy, sections F.8 and F.9 attempt to control and manage speech, merge sections F 8.5 and .6, analysis of Canadian Charter Section 2 for these sections.
- complaint process section does not outline acknowledging the respondent, reduction to chair/cao as arbiters of the complaint handling process, form an integrity committee.
- needs a section to address cultural sensitivity.
- people are uncomfortable with intimidating manners, encourage respectful dialogue.
- recommend the draft policy be addressed by a select committee.

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It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Governance Committee recommend to the Executive Committee that the Executive Committee refer the development of an updated Code of Conduct to a Select Committee of Trust Council.

CARRIED

3.3 District of Squamish Bylaw No. 2919 - Recommended Reading

For information.

3.4 Matrix Review

- From the Matrix, remove the item Governance Committee Code of Conduct which has been referred to Executive Committee.
- Response to the Province item focus for July business meeting.
- Is it permissible to hiring a lobbyist to the Province?

4. NEXT MEETING

The next Governance Committee business meeting is scheduled Friday, July 12, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to be held electronically.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

CARRIED

Judith Gedye, Chair

Certified Correct

Lori Foster, Recorder