



Governance Committee Minutes of a Special Electronic Meeting

Date: August 15, 2024
Location: Electronic Meeting, and a physical location to view the livestream of the meeting:
Islands Trust Victoria Office
#200 - 1627 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8R 1H8

Members Present: Judith Gedye, 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
Lee Middleton, Saturna Island Trustee
Lisa Gauvreau, Galiano Island Trustee, Islands Trust Conservancy (ex-officio)
Peter Luckham, Thetis Island Trustee & Trust Council Chair (ex-officio)

Member Absent: Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Island Trustee

Staff Present: Julia Mobbs, Interim Chief Administrative Officer (ICAO)
David Marlor, Director, Legislative and Information Services
Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

**Members of the
Public Present:** None

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 9:08 a.m. Chair Gedye called the meeting to order and provided a land acknowledgement that the meeting was being held on Coast Salish traditional and treaty territory and that she was grateful for the First Nation stewardship of the Local Trust Area.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Agenda

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 V. Craig, RDN Chair, re: Legislative Reform Initiative Update, letter dated January 19, 2024

Received for information.

4. BUSINESS - WORK PROGRAM ITEMS

4.1 Governance Committee Working Group - Verbal Report

The working group consisted of Trustees Bernardo, Gauvreau, Harris and Patrick. Committee discussion included the content and purpose of a proposed letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Trustee Patrick joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

4.2 Interim Chief Administrative Officer (ICAO) Comments on the Draft Request For Decision to Trust Council Re: Provincial Review of Islands Trust – Briefing

ICAO Mobbs spoke to the briefing.

Trustee Middleton joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

The Committee recessed at 10:23 a.m. and resumed at 10:33 a.m.

4.3 Draft Request For Decision to Trust Council Re: Provincial Review of Islands Trust

The Governance Committee discussed the timing and the level of detail required in the letter to the Province and the proposed communications strategy.

GC-2024-026

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

THAT the Governance Committee request staff make the following amendments to the “Provincial Review of Islands Trust” Request For Decision (RFD) and the resulting amended RFD be submitted to the Trust Council:

- deleting “was not responsive to the Trust Council’s...”.
- add “preserve and protect” and delete “develop and administer land use regulations for the express purpose of preserving and protecting”.

CARRIED

GC-2024-027

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

THAT the Governance Committee request staff make the following amendment to the draft letter to the Province:

- delete the word “chronic” and add “in this and previous terms” so that the resulting sentence is “...has generated division among trustees and the public in this and previous terms.”

CARRIED

GC-2024-028

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

THAT the Governance Committee request staff make the following amendment to the draft letter to the Province:

- add new sentence: "It also represents a significant opportunity to advance reconciliation in the Province."

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

THAT the Governance Committee request that the draft letter to the Province prepared by the working group as amended be attached to the Request For Decision as approved by Governance Committee.

By general consent the motion was postponed until after a discussion of signatories to the letter.

The Committee then discussed who the signatories to the letter should be.

Trustee Gauvreau left the meeting at noon.

GC-2024-029

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

THAT the Governance Committee request that the draft letter to the Province prepared by the working group is amended by making the Chair of Trust Council the signatory.

CARRIED

GC-2024-030

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

THAT the Governance Committee request that the draft letter to the Province prepared by the working group as amended be attached to the Request For Decision as approved by Governance Committee and forward to Trust Council for discussion at its September 24, 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

5. NEXT MEETING

Governance Committee's next regular business meeting is scheduled to be held electronically, Monday, September 9, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The deadline to receive agenda items for the September 9, 2024, agenda is Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

6. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the Committee adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Judith Gedye, Chair

Certified Correct:

Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder