



Hornby Island Local Trust Committee

Minutes of Special Meeting

Date: September 29, 2023

Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Timothy Peterson, Chair
Alex Allen, Local Trustee
Grant Scott, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager
Margot Thomaidis, Island Planner
Katherine Vogt, Recorder

Others Present: Wendy Burton, Chair of the Hornby Island Advisory Planning Commission
There was approximately one (1) member of the public and no members of the media in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:48 am. He acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. He introduced himself, Trustees, Staff, and Recorder; and welcomed members of the public. He noted that Trustee Scott would be delayed in attending the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 Major Project: Draft Proposal for 2024/2025 Budget Process - for direction and endorsement

Regional Planning Manager Jamurat presented the staff report, titled "Major Project Proposal Endorsement for 2024/2025 Budget Process" dated September 8, 2023, which recommends that Trustees endorse the proposal for First Nation Relationship-Building as a Major Project for budget consideration for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Regional Planning Manager Jamurat offered that the Major Project could start with only Option 1: to focus on actions to initiate and continue relationship-building; or could also include Option 2: to explore the interest to initiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or protocol agreement with K'ómoks First Nation; and that the Major Project could extend over two years.

Trustee Allen noted the following:

- It is important that K'ómoksFirst Nation (KFN) lead the terms of engagement.
- The 2018 Thatch situation, at which a KFN ancestral remains site was disturbed, was recently recapitulated for KFN when BC Ferries mistakenly removed an arbutus tree near the BC Ferries terminal site without consultation with KFN; as noted on the KFN website with the August 22, 2023 Chek News story "[Hornby Island Indigenous midden 'desecrated' in BC Ferries terminal construction](#)."
- It is not known if any responses to the introduction letters recently sent out to First Nations by the Director of Trust Area Services have been received.
- 'Friendship Accord' is an interesting new way that First Nations are engaging that should be explored.
- The focus should be on how to better represent First Nations' interests by improving the First Nations referral process; expanding education stewardship of Cultural Heritage Sites; inclusion of First Nations place names; and proper adherence to First Nations' policies on Cultural Heritage Sites.
- A 2018 letter from KFN Chief Rempel summarizes KFN's vision for collaboration and reconciliation.
 - Regional Planning Manager Jamurat requested a copy of the hard copy letter to be included in the Major Project business case.

Trustee Scott joined the meeting at 9:13 am.

Planner Jamurat noted that the Major Project budget estimate could range from \$5000 to \$12,000, and include capacity funding for First Nations engagement; and that this business case would be reviewed by the Financial Planning Committee at their budget deliberations meeting on October 18, 2023.

Planner Jamurat clarified that 'Friendship Accord' exploration would be included in Option 2.

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It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee endorse the proposal for the First Nation Relationship Building Major Project, including Option 1 and Option 2.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Timothy Peterson, Chair

Certified Correct:

Katherine Vogt, Recorder